

COAST RECORD.

NAME ENDS IN OFF.

ALLEGED MURDERER OF MRS. CLUTE DISCOVERED.

He is a Russian and He Had Been Helping the Woman Fit Up Her New Quarters.

EVIDENCE ALL AGAINST HIM.

WENT TO THE POLICE WITH A STORY THAT QUEERED HIM.

Longest Telephone System in the World—Judgment Against the Round Valley Murders Confirmed.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—The mystery attending the brutal murder of Mrs. Mary C. Clute in a Guerrero-street flat last evening, has apparently been solved. After a severe struggle, she was beaten to death with an iron coupling-pin, which crushed her skull, and the police are satisfied the man who used the deadly weapon is now in custody. He is a Russian known as Albert Hoff, but his full name, as written by himself, is Albert Frederick George Versenokochkoff. He says that he was born in Baden in 1830, but he does not appear to be 50 years of age.

He has been employed by Mrs. Clute to help her make up her room, and to make over some mattresses. Knowing that he had been assisting in the work of preparing Mrs. Clute's newly-rented flat for occupancy, and being satisfied that the carpet-layers, Foley and Jackson, who had been there on the same day, were innocent of the crime, the police were on the lookout for Hoff. Greatly to the surprise of Chief Lees, the suspected man walked into the Police Station today and told a story regarding his visit to the Clute flat, which at first seemed plausible. Clever cross-examination, however, soon involved the Russian in a maze of contradictions, and he was placed under arrest as a suspect. Suspicion as to his guilt was soon changed to certainty, for this evening he was positively identified by Mrs. L. A. Legg, who occupies the flat directly under the rooms where the murder was committed, as the man whom she and her invalid father-in-law saw leaving the house after he had been alarmed by Mrs. Clute's dying calls for help.

Mrs. Legg asserts that she cannot be mistaken. While the aged Mr. Legg was trying to summon the neighbors, she took her husband's revolver and went upstairs. Hoff, who was looking out a good look at him, and saw him leave the place after the carpet-layers had gone, and just subsequent to the commission of the crime. He had also been identified by Foley as the man who was in the house when he and Jackson left.

Further strong circumstantial evidence that he is the murderer is furnished by the fact that he is left-handed, and that his left hand is badly cut. The finger on the coupling pin with which Mrs. Clute was killed is sharp and ragged, and holding a tight grasp could easily have caused the wound, which, he says, was made by a tack. The police surgeon, however, says it could not have been produced except by some heavy instrument. There was evidence of a severe struggle, but no indication that the assassin accomplished his evident purpose. That robbery was not his motive is shown by the large amount of money found in the room. Hoff, who still maintains his innocence, is a Socialist and an anarchist, and is reported to be connected with the nihilists. No faith is put in his statement that he is 67 years old.

The explanation of his going to the police office on his own volition is found in the fact that the other men on whom suspicion at first rested did the same, and being subsequently accepted by the officers as satisfactory.

LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONING.

Spokane and San Diego are to be Connected.

[BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.]

TACOMA, (Wash.), Dec. 16.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Spokane, Tacoma, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego will be connected by the longest telephone system in the world. The circuit will be 1800 miles in length between Spokane and the Mexican boundary. Superintendent Stands of the Sunset Telephone Company's northwest division announces his company is preparing to build across the Cascade mountains, near the spring, connecting by a direct line Tacoma and Spokane, which now talk to each other via Portland and The Dalles. At present the Sunset Telephone line runs southward to Eugene, Or., then to Redding, Cal., a distance of 300 miles, through Shasta and Tehama. This plan is to be closed next year. A series of circuits which can be connected in a continuous line is now in operation between Boston and Omaha. This line is about seventeen hundred miles long, 129 miles shorter than the Spokane-San Diego line. An extension to Helena is not improbable from Spokane.

This would make the line 2211 miles in length, and it is probable that record not likely to be equaled until the company gets its proposed line to Dawson in operation.

STRANDED SCHOONER.

The Vesta Ashore Near Carmannah, on Vancouver Island.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

PORT TOWNSEND (Wash.), Dec. 16.—All doubts as to the identity of the schooner which on Tuesday was sighted ashore near Carmannah, on Vancouver island, by the steamer Empress, were removed this morning on the arrival of the mail steamer Garland from Neah Bay, which brought the entire crew of the wrecked schooner. She proved to be the Vesta, which left Ventura November 20 in ballast for Port Blakey. The crew consisted of eight men, Capt. H. Lundvall in command.

CAPTAIN'S STORY.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

Capt. Lundvall gives the following account of the wreck: "On the 23d of December, thirteen days out from San Buenaventura and off the coast of Northern California, we were overtaken by a terrible storm, and for seven days and nights the wind blew a big hurricane, waves sweeping the schooner's decks every few minutes. During all this time I held the schooner in her course, but being tossed and buffeted around by the waves, I could not reckon closely as to the time she was making. At a little after 4 o'clock on the morning of December 10, the spray, which for days had enveloped us, suddenly lifted up, and I realized that the schooner was in close quarters with some rocks to the right and

rocks to the left of us, but no rocks directly ahead. Knowing that it was impossible to turn back, I headed the schooner straight ahead and in three minutes she was ashore on soft sand on the beach, nine miles southeast of Carmannah light. Every man aboard escaped with his effects, and in less than two hours the schooner had filled and was being twisted and rocked to pieces by the tremendous waves which rolled against and over her."

From the scene of the wreck, Capt. Lundvall and seven men made their way to Carmannah, where they were cared for by the lightkeepers. For three days they waited for the sea to subside sufficiently to enable them to go in small boats to Neah Bay, and not until yesterday did they succeed in getting away and reaching the steamer landing. Capt. Lundvall says that by this time there is nothing left of the schooner worth saving.

SCHOEDDE'S ALL DENIAL.

Had Nothing to Do With Emancipating Charles Harris.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

SANTA CRUZ, Dec. 16.—M. Schoedde, the veterinary surgeon on trial for mayhem, testified this morning in the Superior Court that he was engaged to perform an operation on Charles Harris by George Plyler, who told him that Harris had outraged Mrs. Plyler at the point of a pistol and choked her. Schoedde came here, but refused to participate in the crime. Plyler said that the operation had been performed by a physician. Schoedde admitted that he purchased ligatures at San José at Plyler's request. He also admitted that he had told people in Santa Cruz on the day the deed was done. He gave a detailed statement of all of his movements after leaving Santa Cruz. The case is expected to go to the jury tomorrow.

AFTER THE GRAND JURY.

Stockton Police Board Will Hear It Over the Condo.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

STOCKTON, Dec. 16.—The report made by the grand jury yesterday afternoon has created indignation in the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, and the members of that body declare that they will summon the grand jury before the board and interrogate the members concerning certain innuendoes made in its report. The grand jury had been examining Chinese and women of dissolute character for several days, trying to get at the bottom of an alleged police scandal, but it could not find any evidence upon which to bring in an indictment. Notwithstanding that fact, the grand jury mentioned the alleged abuses in its report, and suggested that the commissioners make an investigation. The board, which is now investigating by examining the grand jurors, is freely rumored on the streets that the grand jury had merely been "doing politics."

THE CLEVELAND BOATS.

Government Steamer Leaves Victoria to Search for Them.

[VICTORIA (B. C.), Dec. 16.—The government steamer Quana, left this morning for Barclay Sound to institute a search for the three boats which six days ago left the steamer Cleveland with twenty-two men, and which have not since been seen, and also to render assistance to the survivors of the disaster who are staying with the stranded steamer.

Capt. Irving went down on the Quana, and his company's steamer, Williams, followed the Quana at all day, some working apparatus on board. It is quite possible that the vessel can be raised, but scant hopes are held out for the three missing boats and their occupants.

TOOK BULLET WITH HIM.

Manuel Benedict Escapes from a Hospital Surgeon's Knife.

[OAKLAND, Dec. 16.—Manuel Benedict, a young Oakland barber, last night leaped through a glass window, scaled a high board fence and made his escape with a bullet lodged near his heart, from the City and County Hospital in San Francisco. Benedict was shot two weeks ago in a barber shop in San Francisco.

Yesterday afternoon the hospital surgeon told him that today the bullet must be removed. Benedict had seen two injured men die in his ward after operations had been performed. He decided to make his escape from the surgeon's knife, and did so at the risk of his life.

ARIZONA CANAL.

Receiver Appointed—Work of Improvement to Begin at Once.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

PHOENIX (Ariz.), Dec. 16.—O. J. Hall, assistant of the Phoenix National Bank, was appointed today receiver of the Arizona Canal Company. The appointment was entirely unexpected. Hall being connected with neither of the parties at interest. The selection was admitted by the defendant, but extension for his crime he pleaded insanity, which was caused by the actions of his wife. He was then arrested, had assaulted and then slandered Deppe's wife.

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Fire at Chico.

CHICO, Dec. 16.—Early this morning a fire destroyed the dwelling of David Hall of this city. A lamp, which had been left burning in a room, was the cause of the disaster. The inmates were aroused, they were nearly suffocated by the smoke, and only escaped in their clothes. Mrs. Hall was rescued after much difficulty. The loss on the building and contents was about \$2500; insurance, \$1000.

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At Pittsburgh yesterday a man was killed, one fatally injured and a number of others slightly hurt by the bursting of a fly wheel at the South Third-Street plant of the Oliver Iron and Steel Company.

Durrant has apparently lost something of his hold spirit. When he took his exercise in the yard today, he looked as though he had passed through a spell of sickness. The officials will not notify Durrant of the time when he will be taken to the condemned cell until that dread chamber.

BOARD OF HORTICULTURE.

Gov. Budd Gives It a New Complexion.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 16.—Gov. Budd this afternoon appointed members of the State Board of Horticulture as follows:

H. Weinstein, commissioner for the Sacramento district, vice Sol Runyon of Cortland, deceased.

F. H. Buck, commissioner for the Napa district, vice L. W. Buck, deceased.

W. J. Hotchkiss, commissioner for the Sonoma district, vice M. L. McDonald, deceased.

W. B. Gester, commissioner for the E. Dorado district, vice F. C. Miles.

F. A. Rice, commissioner for the State at large, vice F. A. Kimball.

THE TEMESCAL ASSASSIN.

An Insane Man Thought to Have Killed Pat Murphy.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

OAKLAND, Dec. 16.—Two desperate, but unsuccessful, attempts of an insane man to commit murder in the city today were by the police to fix the identity of the assassin of Patrick Murphy, who was killed at Temescal last night.

About 8 o'clock tonight a bullet was fired at a pedestrian who was passing the residence of a man named Uhl, formerly an inmate of an insane asylum. The shot evidently came from the house, and Constable Geo. Koch went to the place to investigate. The door was opened by Uhl, who fired at the officer point blank. The bullet grazed Koch's neck, and cut a furrow in the velvet collar of his overcoat, and the powder burned his face and eyes. Koch was blinded and fell down steps. Uhl fired three more shots at him, but he was not hit.

Uhl entered the house, reloaded his revolver and made good his escape. Temescal is greatly excited, knowing that a murderous maniac is at large.

Second Jury Disagreed.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 16.—The jury in the case of the alleged assassin of Manie Anderson, aged 14 years, disagreed after being locked up all night, and was discharged. The case was set for a new trial for conviction and three for acquittal, just as it did at a previous trial. The complaint against Cipia will probably be dismissed, and the case will be set for a new trial for conviction and three for acquittal, just as it did at a previous trial. The complaint against Cipia will probably be dismissed, and the case will be set for a new trial for conviction and three for acquittal, just as it did at a previous trial.

Commodore's Skipper.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—Capt. Davidson of the wrecked ship Commodore, accompanied by his wife and several members of the ill-fated crew, arrived in this port today on the small steamship Monterey. The Commodore was lost September 3 on the reefs surrounding the Malden Islands. All hands were rescued and taken to safety, but the ship and the balance on the Danish bark Norwester.

Robbed the Pioneer Society.

RANDBURG, Dec. 16.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Hughes, who was arrested here yesterday, was the treasurer of the Pioneer Society of Rancho Santa Fe, and was charged with the theft of \$2500. He admits the crime, and is willing to go back. He was treasurer of Pima county and three times senator.

Alleged Nobleman in Limbo.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 16.—Leon Castera, who claims to be an Italian nobleman, and who had just completed his term of six months in the County Jail, was arrested today on a charge of opening a letter, and sending the contents to a trial on this charge. The Italian colony generally look upon his claims of nobility as false.

Sale of Stock Enjoined.

EUREKA, Dec. 16.—Judge Hunter today rendered a decision in the injunction suit of A. W. Randall et al. vs. the Randall Banking Company to enjoin the sale of delinquent stock for payment of an account, awarded to the plaintiffs. The sale of the stock had been postponed, pending a decision of the suit, and will take place next Saturday.

Two Against Two.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Dec. 16.—J. W. Winkler and H. Smith, of Paso Robles have brought suit to recover \$10,000 damages from J. T. Tulley and W. H. Tulley. The complaint alleges that in November, 1896, the defendants, upon advice and at the instigation of W. H. Tulley, falsely swore to a criminal complaint before Judge L. D. Gibbons of San Miguel County, charging the plaintiffs with petty larceny.

Acquitted of His Offense.

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DIED OF STARVATION.

GLOOMY END TO A REMARKABLE CRIMINAL CAREER.

A Spaniard Who Had Swindled the Belmonts Dies in a Prison in Cuba.

ACCOMPLICE HAS A LIKE FATE.

PERISHES MISERABLY IN AN AFRICAN PENAL COLONY.

The Money Obtained from the Belmont Banking Firm Was Secured by Cleverly Forged Drafts and Letters.

[BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] News has been received of the death at Havana of Juan Uriarte, a Spaniard, who, in March, 1896, swindled the banking house of Belmont & Co. out of \$24,000. Uriarte presented a forged draft from Hidalgo & Co. of Havana, payable to the order of Manuel Gonzales Mendocia, the name which the swindler had assumed.

On the same steamer that brought Uriarte here from Havana was mailed a letter from Hidalgo & Co., asking the money from Belmont & Co., asking Belmont & Co. not to bother Señor Don Manuel Gonzales Mendocia with the formality of identification should he present himself at the banking-house to cash a draft for \$24,000. The letter contained a specimen of Mendocia's writing as a safeguard for the Belmonts. Of course, the letter was a forgery, like the draft, but both were so cleverly executed that not the least suspicion was aroused as to the genuineness of either. The cashier, Belmont & Co. not to bother Señor Don Manuel Gonzales Mendocia with the formality of identification should he present himself at the banking-house to cash a draft for \$24,000. The letter contained a specimen of Mendocia's writing as a safeguard for the Belmonts. 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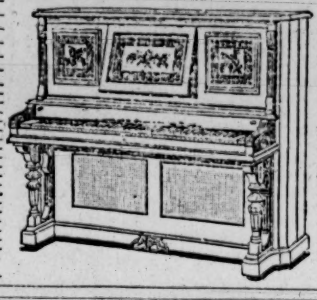
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Book-keeper Shoots Himself.
PORTLAND (Or.) Dec. 16.-C. W. Jamison, a book-keeper in the employ of Dr. L. E. Moore of Albina, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself in the head. His health is supposed to have caused Jamison to take his own life.

DAUDET DEAD.
The French Author Expires at His Dinner Table.
[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]
PARIS, Dec. 16.-By Atlantic Cable. Alphonse Daudet, the author, expired at 8 o'clock tonight. He was dining with his family when he was seized with a sudden syncope. Physicians were summoned, but he died almost immediately.

DUFFY'S PURE MALT WHISKY
Ground was broken yesterday afternoon at Highland Park for the new building of the Occidental College. R. V. A. Dinanore, president of the board of trustees, Rev. G. W. Wadsworth, president of the college, and Rev. J. H. Stewart, were present and officiated at a brief devotional exercise. It is expected that the building will be completed in about three weeks. It is to be a handsome structure, and will have a dome eighty feet in height. Interesting exercises will be held when the corner-stone is laid.

PERCIRA A REVOLUTIONIST.
NEW YORK, Dec. 16.-The Herald's correspondent in Rio de Janeiro telegraphs that the government authorities have seized a letter written by Vice-President Percira, which proves beyond doubt that he was at the head of the revolutionary movement which led to the recent attempted assassination of President Moraes. Brazilian authorities will have cause to fear a revolution, and the government has requested urgency to prevent the gathering of revolutionary groups along her frontier.

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MANY DANCES OF THE NATIONS

PICTURESQUE GROUPS REVIEWED BY THE QUEEN.

Brilliant Costumes—Beautifully Decorated Booths—Many Tempting Commodities Offered for Sale by Fair Philanthropists.

The Kirmes under the auspices of the Los Angeles Free Kindergarten Association opened last night at Hazard's Pavilion, with the Dance of the Nations before the Queen. The pavilion was well filled with an appreciative throng of spectators, and buying was brisk at the booths, which lined the hall on either side.

It was nearly 8 o'clock when the curtain rose on the Queen and her court. The Queen was seated on an imposing throne at the back of the stage, with a little page in white satin, seated on the dais at either side and her pretty court grouped around her. The guests of honor, the young girls, were ranged at the right and left, and beyond were the lower maidens, dressed in white and holding garlands of gay blossoms.

The queen, the queen, was a magnificent gown of yellow satin, with a court train of royal purple velvet, bordered with ermine. Her jewels were diamonds, rubies, emeralds, with crown and girde of fretted gold and many-hued stones. Her pages were Masters Jack and Paul Bucklin.

The first dance was that of the Bohemian Gypsies, a brilliant group of gypsy girls, clad in scarlet robes, with sashes and vests of green and yellow, and jaunty scarlet caps, glittering with sequins. All carried tambourines, streaming with ribbons and jingling with bells. The choropans of the dance were Mesdames Howard M. Sale, Michener and Hitchcock. Miss Tillie Baruch was the soloist and the other dancers were Misses Virginia Lynden, Katherine Komper, Genevieve Deming, Jessie Hall, Nell Nolan, Mabel Ferguson, Bertha Pollard, Helen Carhart, Elita Janss, May Hitchcock and Rose Hunsaker.

Next came the Dutch dance, one of the most effective of the group. The dancers were picturesquely costumed as Hollanders, flaxen braids, big caps, sabots and all. The choropans were Mesdames Charles H. Matthay, Emma F. Kaiser, and J. C. Schaefer. The dancers were Misses Carrie J. nes, Clara French, Hazel Schaefer, Josephine Peteler, May Robson, Lily Robinson, Messrs. Charles Stauter, Sencer Schaefer, Charlie French, Dan Knowl, Alfred and Walter Webb.

Very pretty also was the dance of the Alaskan natives, under the shimmering lights of the aurora borealis and in a shower of falling snow. The fair skaters were dressed in white fur, although with iridescent ermine tails, and were Misses Eleanor Robbins, Berse Shemwell, Grace Knapp, Reta Hickman, Jean M. Beatty, Josephine Beatty.

Emma Gray, Louise Gray, Minnie Chaslin, Messrs. A. E. Newman, Oliver Tutin, J. D. Walker, Edward Sene, Arthur Peterson and Roland Bouche. Miss Grace Foy gave the Butterfly dance extremely well. She was dressed in blue gauze, bordered with gold, in imitation of a butterfly's wings, and her dancing had quite the most pronounced effect of all the solo work.

The Chinese dance followed, a comically grotesque piece of work by Misses Bruce Hatch, Will Nevin, John Blaser, Frank Gillean and Sidney Butler. Very clever also, and effective, was the Scotch four-hand reel, danced in Highland costume by Misses Genevieve Hamilton, Lena M. Wilson, Harriet Bogart, Carrie Bogart, Ethelyn Barker, and Messrs. George P. Parker, R. C. Hamilton, Charles M. Swinerton, Robert H. Swinerton, Harold Bishford and E. D. Hiller. The choropans were Misses J. M. Bowles and William H. Cline.

Master George Cline, dressed also in plaid and kilt, danced the Highland reel, particularly well. The familiar "skirt" of the bagpipes played by a tall Highlander, who is ordinarily known as Grezor McDonald.

Last of all was the California Flower dance, by the flower maidens of the Queen's court. These were Misses Alice Siegel, Edith Siegel, Grace Van Artyson, Edith Knecht, Carmilla Welch, Fay Springer, Hazel Bryson, Cora White, Lillie Oshauen, Valente Dunn, Olive Lewis and Ruth Whiffen. The soloists were Misses Nina Jones, Jean Buell and Rachel Spence, dressed as the poinsettia, violet and eschscholtzia. The grouping was very pretty under the play of colored lights, and with many this dance was the most popular of all.

At the close of the programme the crowd flocked around the booths, while the dancers came from the stage to the canvassed floor and had a little hop all to themselves. At this time the orchestra struck up a waltz or a two-step.

The booths on the east side of the pavilion, with the exception of which the managers are: Misses Merrell, Blanche Merrill, Grace Rhodes, Ruby Higgins. The participants were: Mrs. J. M. Bowles, Mrs. L. C. Jones, John Blosser, Frank Gillean, Sidney Butler. This booth is a mass of scarlet drapery, and gorgeous mahogany, with an altar, banners, lanterns and all the other trappings of a celestial retreat.

Next to it is a vivid contrast in the Maypole booth, from which are sold the pretty souvenir programmes of the Kirmes. This booth is draped in white, green and pink, the Maypole colors, and is smothered in flowers. The managers are Mrs. N. S. Bennett, J. M. Johnson, Isabel Wyatt. Two oriental booths are next in the line, both hung with rich carpets and beaded with cushions. Jeweled lamps hang from the canopies, and sweetmeats are dispensed from low Turkish tables. Fair Turkish ladies, in stunning oriental costumes, welcome all comers, and a palatine in mystic yellow robes reads the life and fortune from every palm that is shown her. The managers are Mrs. F. H. Pattee and Mrs. W. H. Denport. The Turkish palatine is Mrs. Noble, and the assistants are Misses May Florence, Helen Davenport, Daisy Cross and Eleanor Pattee.

The British booth is under the management of Miss E. C. McCullough, Mrs. O. E. Swinerton, Miss Fay Swinerton, Mrs. J. M. Bowles, Mrs. William H. Cline. It is wreathed with holly and the British colors, and is the headquarters for everything of the kind.

Next door is the American booth, brave in the Stars and Stripes. This is directly in the line of the great pile, and is a beautiful and cheerful thing in the way of toys come out of its curiously-constructed noose pipes. This booth is managed by Misses M. E. Harwell and R. B. Ashby.

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WAY DOWN LOW.

TEMPERATURE IN MINNESOTA, MONTANA AND DAKOTA.

Dropped from Thirty-two Degrees Above Zero to Ten Below at St. Paul—Heavy Fall of Snow in South Dakota—Man Frozen.

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J. A. Schneider of South Park, in a fit of delirium last night, left his home without any clothing on, and his frozen body was found this morning.

WIND AT PLAINFIELD.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.] PLAINFIELD (Wis.) Dec. 16.—A terrific cold wave prevails today. The wind is blowing at the rate of forty miles an hour, and the storm is the worst in many years.

WILKINSON PLEADS GUILTY.

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ADDITIONAL ADVICES.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] PORT TOWNSEND (Wash.) Dec. 15.—The steamer Corona, which arrived here tonight from Alaska, brings the following additional advice:

The steamers Bella and Weare had been gone three weeks to Fort Yukon for provisions, but as the river was full of ice when the party left Dawson, there is no hope of the steamer getting back for several months. Kastner and McLachlan say there is no truth in the sensational story brought out by the Klondike mail-carrier for Alaska to the effect that 10,000 men are on their way out from Dawson.

RAILROAD COLLISION.

Chicago and Eastern Train Runs Into an Extra.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.] CLINTON (Ind.) Dec. 15.—Train No. 3 on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad, which left Chicago at 11:30 last night, ran into an extra train here this morning. Three employees were killed and half a dozen others injured, but none of the passengers were hurt.

The dead: ENGINEER J. D. RAUSCH, FIREMAN C. L. BREMER, FIREMAN C. F. DEXTER.

Badly injured: ENGINEER G. FOSTER, SLIGHTLY INJURED: CHAS. CLARK, H. CADWALLADER, EXPRESS MESSENGER C. E. ATCHLEY.

Both engines were badly wrecked, the baggage car was thrown down an embankment and the mail car was smashed.

OLD BOLD FOR GOLD.

THE KLONDIKE PARTY WHICH NEW YORKERS CHEERED.

Eight Women Bound for the Land Where Kluckhockers Usurp the Place of Skirts.

YOUNG ONES NOT ALLOWED.

THE CITY OF COLUMBIA'S TRIP A REMARKABLE ONE.

Steamship Al-Ki Takes One Hundred and Fifty Passengers for Skagway—Mrs. Hix of San Bernardino on Board.

[BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.] NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] The Sun says the tooting of whistles, waving of handkerchiefs and shouts of "Good by" and "Good luck" from the crowd has farrowed to the steamship City of Columbia, which left today with a load of gold-seekers bound for the Klondike. Of 300 passengers, which was the number at first announced, just thirty-three appeared today at the pier.

Mrs. Hanna Gould, who was to have acted as guide, preceptress, chaperon and general good angel to forty cooks, nurses and women prospectors who intended bursting upon Klondike in a host of gaudy and dainty knickerbockers, found her number reduced to eight. In one respect she lived nobly up to her prospects, in which it had been announced that no woman under 21 would be allowed in the party. There was not one among the women Klondikers who was not twenty good years on the safe side. Maybe the rest of the forty were weighed in the balance and found wanting in years.

Crowds visited the City of Columbia all the morning and afternoon up to 3:30 o'clock, the time of sailing. They found her a seaworthy-looking vessel, comfortably fitted up. She is provided with duplicates for all of her machinery and extra shaft couplings. She carries a library of 250 volumes, consisting of light reading and books on the subject of mining, accompanied by maps of the Klondike country.

The route will be from here to the Bahamas, Rio, Montevideo, Straits of Magellan, Valparaiso, Callao, San Francisco, Seattle and the mouth of the Yukon. This voyage, it is said, is the longest ever taken by a steam vessel, 15,000 miles.

OFF TO SKAGWAY.

Mrs. S. A. Hix of San Bernardino "Among These Present." [ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.] TACOMA (Wash.) Dec. 16.—The steamship Al-Ki sailed tonight for Skagway with a full cargo and 150 passengers. Among those on board is Mrs. S. A. Hix of San Bernardino, Cal., a member of the first white family that went to California. She is bound for the Klondike country, and will go over the mountains as soon as the trails are passable.

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ADDITIONAL ADVICES.

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The steamers Bella and Weare had been gone three weeks to Fort Yukon for provisions, but as the river was full of ice when the party left Dawson, there is no hope of the steamer getting back for several months. Kastner and McLachlan say there is no truth in the sensational story brought out by the Klondike mail-carrier for Alaska to the effect that 10,000 men are on their way out from Dawson.

RAILROAD COLLISION.

Chicago and Eastern Train Runs Into an Extra.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.] CLINTON (Ind.) Dec. 15.—Train No. 3 on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad, which left Chicago at 11:30 last night, ran into an extra train here this morning. Three employees were killed and half a dozen others injured, but none of the passengers were hurt.

The dead: ENGINEER J. D. RAUSCH, FIREMAN C. L. BREMER, FIREMAN C. F. DEXTER.

Badly injured: ENGINEER G. FOSTER, SLIGHTLY INJURED: CHAS. CLARK, H. CADWALLADER, EXPRESS MESSENGER C. E. ATCHLEY.

Both engines were badly wrecked, the baggage car was thrown down an embankment and the mail car was smashed.



OPENING OF THE FREE KINDERGARTEN KIRMES AT HAZARD'S PAVILION.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES

Day Dispatches Condensed.
Mrs. L. Brown, president of the duPont E. S. Dean Company, the alleged bucket-shop concern, was arrested yesterday in New York. He was charged with having stolen \$100,000 from the company, but had fled to Canada.

An Ishpeming (Mich.) dispatch says the miners are holding steady. The question of striking for a 15 per cent. advance demanded by the union, which demand was made by the operators, is being battled on by the miners.

A Louisville (Ky.) dispatch says Louis Atman has been arrested on a charge of embezzling \$15,000 from Charles Rosenheim & Co., wholesale china merchants, for whom he was conducting a branch office in Louisville. The amount stolen is estimated at \$200,000.

Night Dispatches Condensed.
A Lexington (Ky.) dispatch says Lewis George Clark, 86 years of age, the original George Harris of Harriet Beecher Stowe's famous novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," died yesterday.

The new Canadian Cabinet is composed as follows: Minister of the Interior, Sir Peter Montt; Minister of Justice, Sir Ammondeau; Minister of Finance, Sir George Macdonald; Minister of Public Works, Sir James Macdonald.

At Cincinnati, yesterday, the sixteenth annual meeting of the National Civil Service Reform League began, with Mr. Carl Chase presiding. During the afternoon session Secretary George McAnany submitted a verbal report, in which he stated that President McKinley, as having been observed the civil service law, and referred to the assault upon being made upon the law in Congress.

In the German Reichstag, yesterday, the debate over the bill for the reform of the military judicial procedure was commenced. The Imperial Chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe, said the measure corresponded with the military necessities of the war. It limited the system of oral direct procedure, and while separating the duties of the judge, prosecutor and defending counsel, afforded more of redress by way of complaint, appeal or revision.

Margaret Hull, Hazel Siegel and Elmo Blakie. The Brownie band dashed out on the stage as the snow maidens vanished. The best-known Brownie was there, as lifelike as though freshly evolved from the brain of Palmer Cox. The American Amazon drill came next, done by the Queen's guard of honor. The uniform of the Amazons was striking; white skirts bordered with yellow, red caps and red coats with elaborate gold braiding and blue sleeves. They marched and drilled extremely well. The company includes Miss Gertrude Keller, captain; Misses Alice Seaton, Sadie Hartwell, Lilian Ashman, Lilian Davies, Grace Pirle, Cora White, Florence Osborn, Flossie Judd, Lillian Montague, Lois Navas, May Pottle and Harriet Barker.

Following the Amazons came a clever little soloist, Miss Fay Springer. She was dressed as a sailor boy in cream and pale blue, and danced the sailor's hornpipe with a spirit and dash that brought storms of applause.

In the few minutes' intermission between the first and second parts of the programme, the tedium of the pause was relieved by the cacophonous strains of a

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The Fraternal Field.

Masonic.

L INSTALLATION des officiers de la Vallée de France Lodge, No. 323, occurred at the Temple last Friday night, with Past Master S. Cahen as installing officer, and Ernest Fleure as Grand Marshal. The following officers were installed: Armand Cazaux, W.M. (Vén. Maître); Adrien Talx, S.W. (1er Surveillant); Frank Fuisant, S.W. (2nd Surveillant); George Lacour, Treasurer; (Trésorier); Armand Lemardelay, Secretary; (Secrétaire); Alfred J. Rangan, Chaplain; Paul Roques, M. (Marschal); Leon Curiel, S.D. (1er Diacre); Jean B. Bertrand, J.D. (2nd Diacre); Clem Vincent, S.S. (1er Maître des Cér.); Charles Deusch, J.S. (2nd Maître des Cér.); Milton Fordham, Tyler (Tulleur). This lodge will confer the second degree tonight.

The officers of Los Angeles Lodge, No. 42, F. and A. M., will be installed next Monday night.

Southern California Lodge, No. 278, conferred the Entered Apprentice degree Wednesday night, and Los Angeles Chapter, No. 33, R.A.M., installed officers the same evening.

Los Angeles Commandery, No. 9, K. T., conferred the degree of the Temple last night, and will confer the Order of the Red Cross on the 23d and the Order of the Temple on the 30th.

Signor Chapter, No. 1, R.A.M., conferred the Most Excellent degree Monday night, and will confer the Royal Arch degree next Monday night. Pentapolis Lodge, No. 202, F. and A. M., will have its installation of officers on the night of the 28th.

South Gate Lodge, No. 236, conferred the Entered Apprentice degree Friday night, and will confer the Fellowship degree tonight.

Hollenbeck Lodge, No. 519, conferred the Entered Apprentice degree on the 14th, and will have installation of officers next Tuesday night.

Perhaps one of the most interesting events in the history of Los Angeles, the Royal and Select Master degree was conferred upon a number of candidates, the ceremony being performed by the three illustrious Master Scabrounch and efficient corps of officers. The attendance was very large, many being present from other jurisdictions. The banquet hall was elaborately decorated in royal purple for the occasion. Another class of fourteen or more will have the same degree conferred upon them in January.

Los Angeles Commandery, No. 9, K. T., will hold a special communication Christmas morning, on the 25th, at an observance of the day, and for which occasion the following sentiment has been prepared: "To our God, Father, Mother, and Friend, we bow in adoration, and thank thee for the gift of this day, and for the blessing of our Lord and Master, follow him all the days of his life."

Larne Thomas, a faithful leader, may his days be long, and may the blessings of our Lord and Master, follow him all the days of his life. Grand Master sends the following response: "To all true knights of the Temple: Health and peace; may God bless every one."

The following officers have been elected by Alhambra Lodge, No. 322, F. and A. M.: H. I. Hanscome, W. M.; N. W. Thomas, S. W.; O. Witherbee, J. W.; J. J. Rich, Treasurer; E. B. Stuart, Secretary.

Order of the Eastern Star.

MRS. MARY F. PARTRIDGE. M.W.G.M., installed the officers of San José Chapter last week.

Past Grand Matrons Mrs. M. A. Flint and Mrs. A. E. Briggs returned to San Francisco last week after a pleasant visit in Southern California.

Odd Fellows.

THE event of the week in Odd Fellows circles was the celebration of its sixtieth anniversary by the members of semi-Tropic Lodge, No. 371, Tuesday night. The hall was packed with the members of the order, Rebekahs and their friends. A musical and literary entertainment was given comprising specialties by Prof. John Crum, a sketch by P. J. Waller and D. D. Deeds, negro melodies by Prof. S. A. Grannis, and music. The program was followed by dancing and a banquet.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 160, conferred the third degree Monday night. Good Will Lodge, No. 323, conferred the first degree last night, and Hofer Lodge, No. 69, will have initiation candidates for initiation last night.

At the last meeting of Canton Orion, No. 12, P.M., last Friday evening, it was decided to extend the trophy at the next Grand Encampment at San José next October. The members were enthusiastic in their approval, and selected Col. W. P. Schlessor as drill master and captain of the drill corps. The members of Canton Los Angeles, No. 27, joined in the meeting for the purpose of the consolidation of the two cantons for degree work in conferring the degree of Patriarchs Militant. At the conclusion of the meeting, the cantons for degree work in conferring the degree of Patriarchs Militant. At the conclusion of the meeting, the cantons for degree work in conferring the degree of Patriarchs Militant.

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COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 194, had initiation work Monday night. Edelweiss, No. 67, will have initiation tonight, and Una, No. 172, next Wednesday night.

Arbor Vitae Lodge, No. 83, gave up its hall for the benefit of the overflow at the annual meeting of Semi-Tropic Lodge Tuesday night.

An entertainment and ball for the benefit of the Orphans Home at Gilroy will be given by Arbor Vitae Lodge, No. 83, next Tuesday night.

In connection with Hofer Lodge, No. 69, L.O.O.F., Edelweiss Lodge will give a ball on the night of the 25th.

Knights of Pythias.

GLAUNTLER LODGE, No. 123, conferred the rank of Esquire Monday night and will confer the rank of Knight next Monday night.

Samson Lodge, No. 148, conferred the rank of Page Monday night and will confer the rank of Esquire next Monday night.

Purity Temple, No. 2, Rathbone Sisters, held a very interesting meeting last Saturday night, and elected the following officers: Maude S. Brownfield, M.E.C.; Hattie M. Gordon, E.S.; Catherine Bright, E.C.; Chloé Routledge, M. of the W.; Kingswell, M. of R. and C.; Etta Barth, M. of F.; Mary B. Ford, P. of the T.; May Stansbury, G. of the O.T.; Mary A. Corbin, Treasurer; Katherine Basserman, Planist. The temple now meets on the second and fourth Saturdays of each

month, and requests all visiting members to pay it a call.

Knights of the Maccabees.

LOS ANGELES TENT, No. 2, initiated one, elected two and received nine applications Wednesday night. Next Wednesday will occur the second social of the season in connection with Hivo No. 1, L.O.T.M.

The members of the various tents of the city are assisting the matter of establishing a board of relief in the city.

California Tent, No. 6, announces a "smoker" for the evening of the 30th at the hall on South Spring street.

The Santa Monica Tent, in connection with the L. O. T. M. of that city, gave a public entertainment Monday night, concluding with a dance last week. It has initiatory work at every session.

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A circular is being sent out by Supreme Chief Ranger Orontatekha to the High Chief Rangers of all jurisdictions to beware of impostors in regard to bonds of officers, the circular being called forth by the recent suicide of the High Secretary of Maine, who was heavily involved in debt, and not under sufficient bonds.

The hall to be given by Court Angelina, No. 3422, on the night of the 24th.

High Chief Ranger G. A. McElfresh expects to return from Canada about the 24th.

Court Los Angeles, No. 18, Companions of the I.O.F., held their regular weekly meeting yesterday afternoon at I.O.F. Temple. The election of officers will take place on the 20th, and all members are requested to be present.

Foresters of America.

COURT GERMANIA, No. 11, has elected the following officers: C. Schenck, C.R.; Frank Hoppe, S.C.R.; Paul Desser, R.S.; George Roy, P.S.; Dr. Scholl, Physician; W. Tostmann, S.W.; Gus Zoller, J.W.; J. E. Mages, S.R.; Carl Kirs, J.B.; Kelly Roth, Collector; H. Pirman, A. Hartner, M. Rupert, Trustees. This court gave a literary and musical entertainment concluding with a dance last week. It has initiatory work at every session.

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Royal Arcanum.

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Army and Navy Republicans.

FOLLOWING are the officers elected by Los Angeles Army and Navy Republican Lodge, No. 25, Charles P. Derby, Colonel Commanding; C. W. Hyatt, Lieutenant-Colonel; Capt. Gamble, Major; William Shock, O. D.; T. F. Laycock, O. G.; Camp Council, Dr. L. F. Holland, W. A. Hartwell, Laycock, C. A. Jenkins, A. C. Shaffer.

Improved Order of Red Men.

COCOPAH TRIBE, No. 81, conferred the Adoption degree last Friday night, and will confer the Hunter's degree tonight. J. B. Linder of the Tennessee Reservation was a visitor. The members of this tribe are looking after the needs of H. F. Craft of Cocopah Tribe, No. 81, who is sick at the Sisters' Hospital.

American Legion of Honor.

ALL the grand jurisdictions east of the Rocky Mountains have been visited by the Supreme Commander, and in the near future he will visit the Pacific Slope.

The councils in California have had but few suspensions lately. The order has paid to beneficiaries in California since January 1 more than \$70,000, and the last monthly statement shows that death claims for California were eight, amounting to \$18,500. Up to December 1 the receipts for the benefit fund had exceeded the disbursements for the past three months by \$80,000.

Good Will Council, No. 629, of this city now has a membership of about thirty and is in fairly good condition. The annual election of officers will occur on the night of the 28th.

Fraternal Aid Association.

NOVEMBER record of the order was five new councils and 608 new members, of which California contributed forty-five. The total membership of the order on December 1 was 18,811. Only nine assessments were required for 1897.

The same day that \$3000 was paid by this order to Mrs. Callahan of Boulder, Colo., on the death of her husband, that lady was elected County Clerk by a large majority.

Thirty-five members of Mt. Pleasant Council, No. 147, including the uniformed degree team, paid a formal visit to Pasadena Council Tuesday night and assisted in the initiation of four candidates. An oyster supper was served the visitors and a pleasant social session held.

The following officers have been elected by Los Angeles Council, No. 299: Mrs. C. C. Smith, President; Miss L. Newhall, Vice-President; C. L. Sexton, Physician; H. A. Mackenzie, Secretary; Mrs. S. E. Newhall, Treasurer; Mrs. L. A. Mackenzie, Chaplain; Observer, R. Q. Wickham, Sentinel. Two candidates were initiated last week and three last night.

B.P.O. of Elks.

MEMBERS of Los Angeles Lodge, No. 89, had a surprise Wednesday night in a visit from the Grand Exalted Ruler, Meade D. Detweiler, of Harrisburg, Pa., who is taking a pleasure trip through California. A large attendance was present, including members from Grand, Second, and Third, Phoenix and other cities.

M. D. Detweiler, G.E.R., will visit San Diego and thence proceed north to Fresno, Portland and Seattle. The largest class which Los Angeles Lodge has in preparation for membership will be initiated on the evening of the 28th, and the event promises to be the hottest time the order has had in this city. J. A. Rice, D.D.E.R. of San Francisco, will have charge of the ceremony, assisted by members from all the lodges of the State. It is a matter of regret that the new rituals will not be ready in time for the event, as word has been received in the city that it

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WEBB'S OFFICIAL CAREER WILL END TODAY.

His Desperate Efforts to Prevent the Council from Removing Him Prove Futile.

WRIT OF PROHIBITION DENIED.

JUDGE SHAW DECIDES THAT HE MAY BE SUSPENDED.

The Injunction Proceedings Brought to a Sudden Close—Judge Smith Sets Aside the Grand Jury Indictment Against Webb.

Webb's tenure of office is fast drawing to a close. The Council will meet at 10 o'clock this morning to suspend him, and there is no doubt that this will be accomplished. Webb's desperate efforts to avert such action have proved unavailing.

The ordinance will also be passed for the special election in the Seventh Ward to elect a successor for Adams.

The attempt of Walter L. Webb to obtain a writ of prohibition from Judge Shaw enjoining the City Council from suspending him from office as a member of the City Board of Education proved unsuccessful, his attorneys being overruled on every point yesterday.

The main contention in support of the petition was that the charges preferred against Webb and now under investigation cannot be classified as criminal, as they constitute only a misdemeanor under the statutes.

Judge Shaw ruled that whether the charges constituted either a misdemeanor or a felony, they would be of a criminal nature. The City Council, therefore, was proceeding in strict conformity with the statutes and city charter.

Judge Smith sustained the demurrer to the indictment filed against Webb by the grand jury and ordered the defendant discharged. The court ruled that the grand jury acted without authority as the alleged crime constituted a misdemeanor over which the grand jury and the Superior Court had no jurisdiction.

AT THE CITY HALL.

REIGN ALMOST ENDED.

THE SCHOOL BOARD BOSS WILL BE SUSPENDED TODAY.

City Council Will Meet Again This Morning for the Purpose of Removing Webb from Office—Special Election in the Seventh Ward.

An interregnum is at hand in the reign of Walter L. Webb, the school-board boss. The Council will meet again this morning, and it is practically assured that it will suspend Webb from office.

This is the outcome of the legal proceedings yesterday.

The Council met pursuant to the special call at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. As the Councilmen came into the chamber they were served with copies of a writ of prohibition restraining them from removing Webb from office. It was obvious that proceedings must be delayed until a hearing had been obtained upon the writ.

The City Attorney was summoned to the Council chamber. He said: "Gentlemen, I have prepared an ordinance here pursuant to instruction, calling a special election in the Seventh Ward school district. There are eleven precincts in that ward and eight election officers will be required for each precinct. The names of these men must be inserted in the ordinance before its passage. These names should be settled immediately."

"During the past fifteen minutes the members of this Council have been served with a writ of prohibition, commanding them to refrain from interfering with the school representative of the Ninth Ward."

"This matter will be given consideration by the court this afternoon at 2 o'clock, and Maj. Lee will represent the city. We would suggest that the Council, when it adjourns, adjourn to meet tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. By that time, the court will doubtless have rendered its decision in this injunction proceeding."

In accordance with the City Attorney's suggestion, an adjournment was taken until 10 o'clock this morning.

Shortly afterward the news reached the City Hall that Judge Smith had quashed the indictment against Webb, and it was feared that the Council would be thereby deprived of all power to suspend Webb. Later in the day Judge Shaw set aside these fears at last when he rendered his decision of prohibition, and announced the opinion that the accusation filed by the grand jury against Webb was a criminal proceeding which the Council had no power to suspend him from office.

At today's meeting the Council will probably pass the ordinance for the special election in the Seventh Ward. It involves the appointment of eighty-eight election officers, and will probably cost the city over \$600.

NEGOTIATIONS OPENED.

Letter Addressed to the City Water Company.

The Water Supply Committee has sent the following letter to the Los Angeles City Water Company:

"Gentlemen: Agreeable with the resolution adopted by the Council at its regular meeting Monday, December 13, 1897, the undersigned Water Supply Committee of the Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby signify our willingness and desire to enter upon the work contemplated in said resolution, viz: the carrying on of such negotiations with your company as will lead to a mutual determination as to the value of the improvements made by your company, or its successors, under and during the time of the recent lease of the water plant from the city of Los Angeles.

"As you are aware, a speedy determination of this matter is highly desirable in order that all details regarding the value of these improvements may be determined before the expiration of said lease, July 23, 1898; and we would now request that you signify a time and place for meeting at which it is agreeable to you to take the matter up with our committee, and in naming such time, we ask you to state the earliest possible date at which it will suit your pleasure to take the matter your attention."

this morning at 10 o'clock. The subject under consideration will be the arrangements for sending samples of asphalt to Washington for government test.

AT THE COURT HOUSE.

WEBB BADLY WORSTED.

UNABLE TO HAVE COUNCIL ENJOINED FROM SUSPENDING HIM.

But His Attorneys Succeeded in Having the Grand Jury Indictment Set Aside—Neither Court nor Jury Has Jurisdiction.

The indictment filed against Walter Webb by the grand jury for the alleged extortion of \$500 from Janitor Cooper, was quashed by Judge Smith upon a demurrer filed on Wednesday, by Webb's attorneys, and Webb was ordered discharged. Later on Judge Shaw denied a petition for a writ prohibiting the City Council from suspending Webb from office pending the investigation of his official conduct now in progress.

As to the indictment, Judge Smith decided that the grand jury had acted without authority, as the offense charged against Webb was a misdemeanor, for which no indictment could be brought and over which the Superior Court had no jurisdiction.

Dist. Atty. Donnell represented that he had advised the grand jury to similar effect a week before the indictment was brought, but that that body insisted over his objections. One of the jurors has explained his reason for filing the filing of an indictment, saying: "Well, we'll make out the indictment, anyway. We'll do as much as we can."

Judge Smith took but little, if any, stock in the representations, and ordered Davis to stand up for sentence. The court expected the defendant, who had been recently convicted of contempt of court in connection with the Compton case, would have been an important witness in the proceedings brought against him and the newspaper accounts of the affair, all of which he held, necessarily influenced the minds of the jury against him as to the credibility of his testimony.

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the indictment be quashed, the \$300 bonds released and Webb discharged.

MUCH ADD ABOUT NOTHING.

A Salt Brought Against the County Clerk to Recover \$1,500. William H. Stuart, a local mail carrier, and County Clerk Newlin have become involved in a dispute which the courts have called upon to settle. And it is all over a matter of \$1,500. Stuart, through his attorney, A. C. Hinkley, filed a complaint against the County Clerk yesterday in which it is alleged that several months ago papers in a suit were filed and \$3 paid as the fee. Several weeks later, Stuart's attorney alleges, he discovered that he had paid \$1,500 too much and demanded that that sum be repaid. Mr. Newlin declined to return the money. Now Judge York has cited the County Clerk to appear before him on Saturday next, and show cause why a peremptory writ should not be issued.

DAVIS GETS FIVE YEARS.

One of the Compton Gang Finally Disposed Of.

Judge Smith disposed of one of the Compton gang yesterday. A. E. Davis, charged with forgery, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in San Quentin Prison. Davis's attorney gave notice of an appeal, and the court ordered that the commitment be held for three days.

Before sentence was passed the defendant's attorney made a motion for a new trial, which was promptly denied. It was contended by the defendant that he did not expect to be recently convicted of contempt of court in connection with the Compton case, would have been an important witness in the proceedings brought against him and the newspaper accounts of the affair, all of which he held, necessarily influenced the minds of the jury against him as to the credibility of his testimony.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE.

Powers of the Commission Considered in the Annual Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The eleventh annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission issued today is for the purpose of drawing attention to the work of the commission during the past year, and includes several suggestions. Speaking of the powers of the commission, the report says that the mission of the commission is to regulate rates is not an adequate or equitable remedy, and continues:

"Prevention, by fixing and establishing rates in advance, is the only practical legal remedy for extortionate and unjust charges, and the law should be made so plain that neither the commission nor the courts can misconstrue or misinterpret its meaning."

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Crops and Markets.

There has been some pretty cold weather during the past week, with light frosts in some portions of Southern California, and heavy frosts in a few exposed places. Little damage has, so far, been reported from frost.

There was a sprinkling of rain early in the week, but not enough to do much good. The farmers are anxiously looking for moisture. In some places dry plowing is being done. Feed is running short, and in some places grass is dying. Citrus orchards are being irrigated. The destruction of two large hay barns by fire in Los Angeles during the past month will tend to further raise the price of feed in this section.

Orange shipments have been going forward at fair prices. The outlook for the crop continues good, and unless damage from frost or wind should interfere, the crop is likely to equal the highest figures that have been quoted. The dried-fruit market does not show much life. Report from the East state that the market is far from satisfactory. The strongest item in the list of dried fruits is prunes, and these are only in active demand for the larger sizes.

The price of walnuts has further declined in the East, and now set is in a very unsatisfactory condition. The honey crop of Southern California this year is estimated at nearly three thousand tons. Prices range from 3 to 4 cents.

In the local produce market eggs and butter have been in more liberal supply, and prices of eggs have dropped a little further. Quotations will be found on the commercial page.

Deciduous Fruit Exchanges.

It is expected that, in accordance with the plan outlined at the recent meeting of deciduous-fruit growers in the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, a number of local exchanges will be organized within the next week. It is reported that a good many of the fruit growers in this section are showing less interest in the movement than might be wished. Southern California fruit growers will be very short-sighted if they fail to recognize the importance of standing in together for the purpose of marketing their product in a profitable way. The benefits of cooperation in fruit shipping have been fully shown in the case of the citrus-fruit associations.

There is another reason why it is important that there should be organization among the deciduous-fruit growers. All reliable persons who have recently been in Europe, and who have investigated the markets there, state that there is a practically unlimited field for the introduction of California dried fruit, and that to insure a market it must be packed in a uniform and systematic manner, under certain brands, so that a given quality can always be relied upon. Such work as this can only be done through a strong organization, with a practical business man at the head of it.

Northern Oranges.

It is reported that the success which has attended the planting of orange trees at Orangevale, near Sacramento, has led to a very active demand for nursery stock, and buyers are already on the market at this early season. Last year 25,000 orange trees were taken up to that section. There are a few navel trees at Orangevale which have begun to bear, some of the oranges from which were sold this season at from \$4 to \$5 per box.

It will not do for Southern California orange-growers and owners of orange lands to entirely ignore the fact that citrus fruits are being raised on a limited scale in the sheltered sections of Central California. The shipments from Porterville, in Tulare county, this season, amounted to fifty carloads.

An Orange Worm.

It has been stated during the past few months by an importer of Mexican oranges that the Mexican orange worm has been found in Southern California, but this has, on the other hand, been strenuously denied. The Pomotrophic of Arizona states that T. A. Smith and others have found an orange worm occasionally in the ripening fruit of the present crop. It is evident that it is not the Mexican orange worm. It is undoubtedly a moth, in its adult stage. This doubtless removes it from kinship with the Mexican worm. The Pomotrophic says:

"If the larva discovered in this section is found to have ten legs, three on each side thoracic and two abdominal, it is of the same division as the codling moth and may become a serious enemy of the orange-grower, requiring the use of Paris green and other bug juices in unstinted quantities. There is an insect known in some countries as the orange moth, which has the power to pierce the skin of the fruit and suck the juice from it, but they are not destructive to a great extent, as the injury is external. But this little newcomer should be treated as the enemy he is, and his habits studied and discussed and his appearance understood. Right here we lack the assistance of the State Board of Horticulture. Unfortunately, for Southern California, the chief of the entomological division is not among its citizens, and he seldom appears in the orange belt. We hope to have specimens of the new worm sent in, that a more definite description of the intruder may be given."

Packing Lemons.

OFFICIALS of the Southern California Fruit Exchange draw attention to the necessity of packing lemons in standard boxes such as are required by the eastern trade. One grower in Southern California, who persisted in packing in other boxes only received half as much for a carload of lemons as the association did for a carload of the same variety, packed in boxes of the correct size.

The proper size of lemon boxes measures 10 1/2 x 12 1/2 inches, and the favorite number of lemons packed in the box is 200. The exchange reports that while the lemon market in general is dull, there is a fair demand in the East for fancy lemons of the 200 size.

Fine Prunes.

FELIX GILLET of Nevada City, who recently wrote to the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce on the subject of walnut varieties, also makes a specialty of prunes. Mr. Gillet sends The Times a small sample box of de-

ert prunes put up by him, and cured by his own process, being neither dipped in lye nor dried in the sun. To judge from the sample, Mr. Gillet must have discovered a very successful process of curing prunes. They would rank high anywhere as first-class fruit.

A New Orange.

THIS week one of our pioneer citizens, H. H. Smith, who lives on the Heights south of town, called at this office and brought with him some specimens of oranges, on which he desired the editorial opinion as to variety and also as to quality.

We found the oranges of rather a light color, as compared to the navel, but with a well-colored skin. The size was also that of the St. Michael, running from about 200 to 250. The skin was thin, but not as thin as the paper rind. The fruit was absolutely seedless, with very little rag. The pulp was melting, juicy, luscious and sweet. The segments easily separated from each other and were but loosely attached to the skin, somewhat after the Onshu, but not so much so. The shape is that of a spheroid, but considerably flattened at both ends and blossom end. This flattening is very marked, and is characteristic of all the fruit. This fruit was ready for shipment by November first, and was thoroughly ripe and sweet at that time. The tree seems to be a good and regular bearer, thus far.

It looks to us as if Mr. Smith had originated a new orange and one that will prove a valuable one, as it is six weeks earlier than the navel and is also seedless. We have therefore named it the "Redlands Early." There are no notes for sale and no buds can be obtained. Mr. Smith desires to try this new orange for at least two years more before allowing trees or buds to go out of his possession. If the original tree, and the half dozen he has budded from it, show up two years more, as they have shown up the last two years, it will prove to be one of the most valuable discoveries in the orange line since the introduction of the navel, twenty-five years ago.

Useful Hedges.

HEDGES might be used much more generally and be a source of pleasure, and sometimes both pleasure and profit. Orange seedlings, budded to the dwarf Japanese varieties, especially the kumquat, used for preserving and candied, would in the warmer portions of the State, make a most exquisite hedge; pomegranates would make another, even more gorgeous. Cereus, ficus, or evergreen, wild cherry, makes a perfect hedge, so far as neatness and brightness go, and will thrive anywhere in the State, except, of course, in the high mountains. Pyrus Japonica, Japanese quince, is hardy anywhere and makes a very good hedge. While roses of the Banksia or fencible, of whatever kind, for town lots, or as inclosures for the country residence or farm house.—[The Citrus-graph.]

One rarely sees a hedge here of anything but Monterey cypress or laurel, thus, good enough in their way, but there are many prettier. Erythronium, particularly the aurea or golden variety, is very bright and neat, and may be kept as a border for many years not exceeding six or eight inches in height, or it will make a hedge four feet high in a short time. There are many other plants which will do as hedges in California, and they are vastly more pleasing to the eye than fences, of whatever kind, for town lots, or as inclosures for the country residence or farm house.—[California Fruit Grower.]

POULTRY.

THE State of Illinois has voted an appropriation of \$1000 per year for two years to be devoted to the advancement of the poultry interests of that State. The money is to be placed in the hands of a State poultry association and subject to their control, and will be offered in cash prizes at the winter exhibition for the best exhibits of thoroughbred poultry, the best specimens of dressed fowl and the best exhibits of eggs.

Make Fresh Nests Often.

CLEANLINESS in every department of the breeding and management of fowls is absolutely essential to success, and just to the extent that the fowls are neglected or slighted, there will be a lack of pleasurable success. While there are many poultry-breeders, as well as farmers, who raise fowls in large numbers, who regularly clean out their henhouses, removing and carefully housing the droppings thus obtained, the number of persons who pay the proper attention to the nests and nesting boxes is very limited. It seems to be the majority of fowl-raisers have an idea that a nest is good enough for a year's service, when once properly made, no matter how many times a brood of young chicks has been hatched in it.

When the nests are used merely as laying nests, they may do through a season, but by making new ones several times during the year, and burning the old ones, you foster cleanliness and prevent lice and other parasites from gaining a permanent foothold. The nests are used for sitters, as soon as the hen is taken off with her brood, out with the nest and burn the straw at once. If you will soon have a healthy lot of lice to deal with, which will worry your poultry so that improvement will be but a slow pace indeed. Fresh nests, neatly and nicely made, induce the hens to lay in them, keep the eggs clean and give a tidy, attractive appearance to the premises, so that you will not be ashamed when friends or customers call to see them.—[The Fancier.]

THE DAIRY.

THICK, or rich cream, can be churned at a lower temperature than thin cream. The lower the temperature at which the cream is churned, the more exhaustive the churning, other things being equal; that is, a test of the buttermilk will show a less per cent. of butter fat left in it. This was demonstrated at the butter-making contest at the recent St. Louis fair, where the different contestants all used cream that was alike.

Chino Creamery.

MORE cows are being put in every week now for the Chino Valley Creamery, and it is gradually working up to the important position it is sure to occupy among our industries. Tomorrow H. J. Teague will increase his milk delivery by about eight hundred pounds a day, when the receipts will run up to 2000 pounds a day. The creamery management hopes to multiply this amount by ten in six months. They are now shipping to Los Angeles every other day an average of about two hundred pounds of the finest butter ever put on the Los Angeles mar-

ket. The dealers give this credit, and the consumers like it.

The price paid for milk being based on its quality, as well as the market price of butter, it is interesting to note what the producers are receiving. The following are the per centages of butter fat and the price paid for the milk this week, the price of butter being 25 cents per pound:

	Per cent.	Price per butter fat.
T. C. Elam	4.5	100 lbs.
E. G. Freeman	4.3	95
W. R. Shine	4.8	1.02
W. S. Throop	4.2	92
William Luley	4.3	91
Mr. Baker	4.3	88

Maj. Easton has bought three registered Jersey cows in Los Angeles, whose guaranteed milk tests have been 8.74 and 9 1/2 per cent., respectively. This is something really remarkable. E. G. Freeman has a cow now giving 8 1/2 per cent. milk. Of course such figures as these are rare, and cannot be quoted as a guide, but good breeding, good feeding and good care do the work.

The management of the creamery still offers to put a receiving and separating plant in town as soon as enough milk is assured to warrant them. The farmers ought to take hold of this matter and make this project a go.—[Chino Valley Champion.]

LIVE STOCK.

RECEIPTS of western cattle at Chicago during the four months ending with October, were about 40,000 head less than in the corresponding period of last year. Yet the total receipts of cattle at that market in the time named exceeded the number of cattle delivered there in the same months of 1896. The unavoidable inference is that more native-fed western cattle were marketed in Chicago this year than there were last year.

Dorset Horned Sheep.

ORIGINALLY Dorset horned sheep, say 100 years ago, had black noses and were small, but by breeding and improvement they now carry white noses, and size increased, although they keep their noted quality as big milkers and extra mothers. They are great lamb producers, and have been known to produce as many as four and six lambs at a birth. Of course this is not usual. My personal experience is: No. 2083, my imported ewe, had two lambs in March, '96, and two more in December, '96, and No. 2007 had five lambs in seven months. This is the cause of the growing demand for Dorsets, and another cause is that their lambs are extra healthy and strong at birth, and the big milking qualities of the ewes, the lambs grow big quickly.

Their wool is good quality and medium length, and the flock as shown after shearing averaged seven and a half pounds to the fleece. Have had yearlings shear ten pounds; bucks and four yearlings ewes averaged nine pounds this year.

I would not go so far as to say Dorset horned sheep are "dog proof," as advertised by some, but believe they make a better stand against all dogs than other breeds. My own dogs respect the horns very much. Have seen a ewe with lamb fight a dog and was very savage. A writer in Ohio recently said that since he kept Dorsets he has had no losses from dogs, although he has lost several dogs during the same time. I consider the horns a great convenience in catching them, and am positive there is no breed more docile or easily handled.—[American Cultivator.]

Live Stock Notes.

THE National Stockman tells of a farmer who had fourteen clips of wool on hand, not having sold any since 1883. Whether there are many farmers who have such amounts, who have two or three clips, we doubt, and we doubt, too, whether the ordinary farmer has been wise in holding his wool so long. If we are not mistaken, there are times when wool has been sold for more money than it will bring now, and certainly the clips of 1884, if it had been sold, and the proceeds placed at interest, would have amounted to a larger sum than it will now bring.

While we always regret to know of a farmer selling any of his produce at too low a rate, and allowing the middleman or the speculator to obtain an exorbitant profit, we are not inclined to lose money more frequently than he gains by holding his produce too long. We know a farmer who held his wool several tons of it all through the civil war, hoping for a higher price, and his loss by so doing amounted to thousands of dollars. Luckily it did not bankrupt him, as might have done a poorer man. The safer method, and usually the most profitable one for the farmer, is to dispose of what he may have to sell as soon as the goods are ready for the market, if he can find a market ready for the goods.—[American Cultivator.]

GENERAL AGRICULTURE.

A LATE number of the Forum contains an elaborate article by C. Wood Davis on "The Impending Deficiency of Breadstuffs." Mr. Davis has been a business man whose duties accustomed him to dealing with statistics, and he has been devoting his leisure for the past ten years to a study of the food supply of the world, and has reached the conclusion that the world is on the eve of a permanent deficiency in the supply of the staple breadstuffs. His reasoning is simply that the bread-eating peoples are increasing faster than the output of breadstuffs, a condition which is aggravated by the fact that the improved material conditions of many European nations results in a greater per capita consumption of the finer grains, especially wheat, as to which he plainly intimates that the present scarcity is but trifling to what may be expected in the immediate future. Commenting on this view of the case, the San Francisco Chronicle says:

"While it is doubtless true that there is a limit somewhere to the population which the globe can maintain, and a probability that sometime this limit may be reached, experience shows that nothing is more hazardous than prophesies of the per capita consumption which are to prevail in the immediate future. It is found that population is less obstinate than has sometimes been assumed; if there is not food mankind does not multiply. While the general reasoning of Mr. Davis will apply to all breadstuffs, his article is mainly devoted to wheat. 'The population of Europe and European lineage are the bread-eaters. Other dense populations live in the main upon rice, or the coarser forms of food. Since 1871 the bread-eating populations have increased 37 1/2 per cent. With the exception of Russia, and possibly Turkey, the per capita consumption has increased in all countries for which statistics are available. In the face of this increased con-

sumption and 37 1/2 per cent. increase of population, the acreage of breadstuffs has increased since 1871 only 7.6 per cent., from which Mr. Davis infers that 'statesmen must soon face problems more serious than those of the tariff or currency.'"

"We do not imagine that there are any grounds for expecting in the near future the distress for food which Mr. Davis seems to look for. For one thing we have grave doubts as to the accuracy of the figures on which his argument is based; but we have no doubt at all that there is in the evidence which he gives ample ground for the belief that in the long run grain-growing will be always one of the most profitable of agricultural occupations and good wheat lands an extremely desirable possession."

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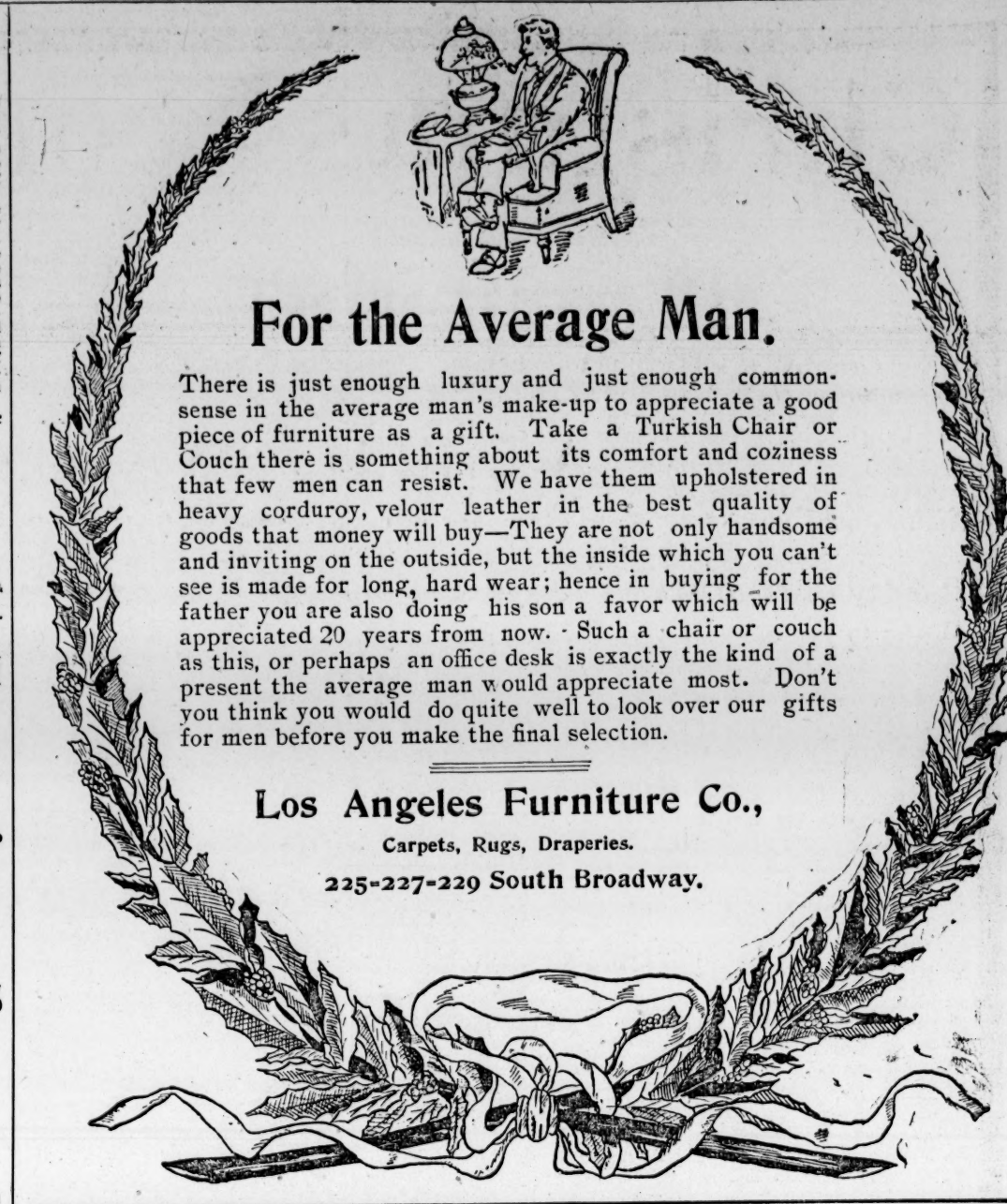
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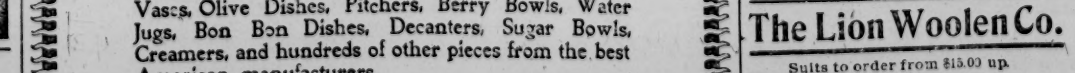
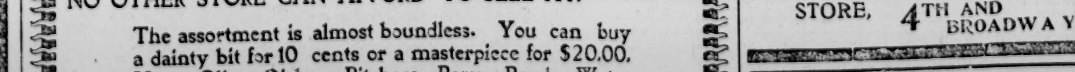
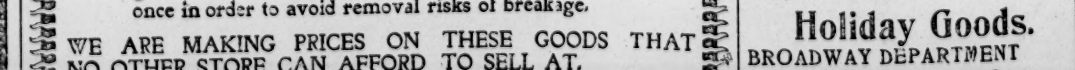
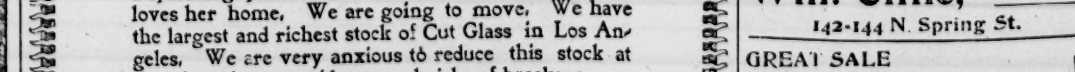
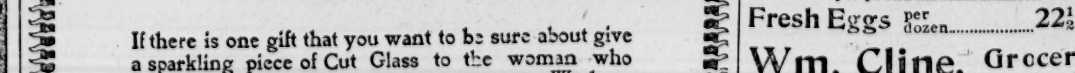
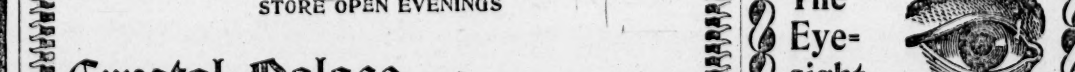
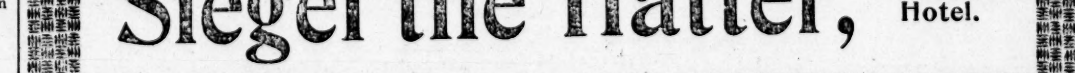
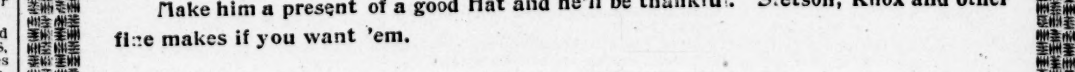
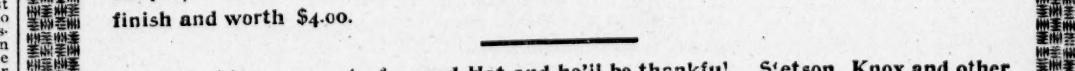
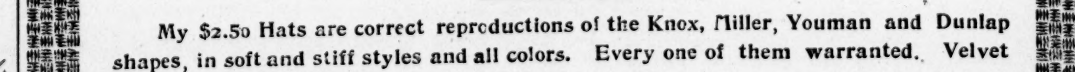
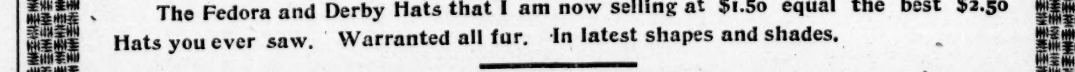
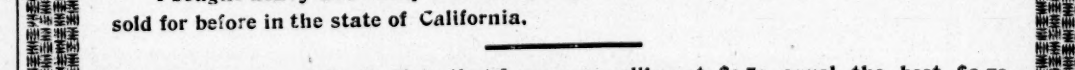
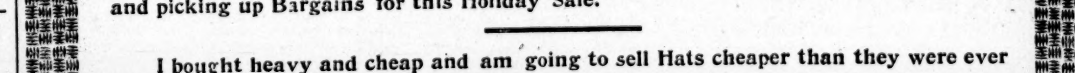
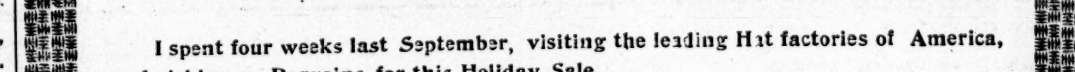
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DEMAND FOR COUNTRY LAND.

AN ENGLISH PAPER REVIEWS AN OLD COMPLAINT.

Sugar-beet Land—Many New Settlers Coming to California—Development of the River Section.

Dealers report the local real estate market as quiet during the past week. It is not expected that there will be any noteworthy revival of business until after the holidays, when it is expected that several large trades, which have been pending for some months past, will be closed up.

A STRIKING EXHIBIT.

One encouraging feature of the market is the continued activity in building operations. The Chamber of Commerce has just published an illustrated folder which makes a striking exhibit in this line. It consists of half-tone reproductions of photographs of the principal business blocks now in course of construction in Los Angeles. On the first page of the cover is the following:

"Is Los Angeles still growing? Answering this we call your attention to the illustrations, showing seventeen business blocks in course of construction, October 8, 1897. The total amount of money invested in these blocks is \$1,005,000."

On the last page of the cover the following significant comparison is made:

"Los Angeles still grows, as the following comparisons show:

City	Popu.	Buildings, Oct. 1897	Sept. 1897
Los Angeles	236,339	135,000	135,000
Cincinnati	236,339	135,000	135,000
New Orleans	236,339	135,000	135,000
Minneapolis	236,339	135,000	135,000
St. Paul	236,339	135,000	135,000
Denver	236,339	135,000	135,000
Indianapolis	236,339	135,000	135,000
Kansas City	236,339	135,000	135,000
Los Angeles	236,339	135,000	135,000

Population of Los Angeles 1897, 105,000."

COUNTRY LAND.

The demand for country land, especially citrus land, or citrus orchards in bearing, still continues, and many roads are being made from week to week. A tract of 200 acres on Arlington Heights, in Riverside, was recently sold by the Land and Irrigation Company to Thomas Smart, who buys for himself and Eastern capitalists, who propose to irrigate the land by jumping from the Gage canal with an electric pumping plant, and will then let out citrus fruit trees.

SUGAR BEET LAND.

Another class of land that is being looked after by investors at present is

that which is suitable for the culture of sugar beets. A large new factory in Ventura county will probably soon be followed by another in San Luis Obispo county. In Monterey county, the King ranch of 12,000 acres, has been purchased by the Spreckels Sugar Company for a price stated to be about \$300,000, or \$25 per acre. About half the ranch will be planted this season in beets, and the product will be shipped to the big sugar factory at Salinas, which is now in course of construction.

Those who are thinking of purchasing sugar-beet land in California would do well not to wait too long, as there is every probability that the coming year will see a marked advance in the price of such property.

SETTLERS COMING.

W. H. Mills, land agent of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, states that the prospects for California were never better than they are at present. Inquiries for California lands have been received from all parts of the Union, and indications are that there will be a great many visitors here from the Northwest, and from the Eastern States, who will spend the winter, if not settle here permanently. During the month of November just past, there have been many land sales than for any one month since 1889.

One circumstance which has worked in favor of California is the yellow fever in the South, which has induced many persons who thought of settling there to give up the idea.

ENGLISHMEN AND CALIFORNIA LAND.

A correspondent sends The Times the following editorial extract from an English paper:

"Young gentlemen with a little money and a roving turn of mind, who may be tempted by advertisements to go and grow fruit in California, would do well, before purchasing their outfit, to study carefully a consular report on the prospects of farmers in California, and it is odds but they change their minds. The report shows, among other things, that the value of land in California has fallen during the last few years from 35 to 50 per cent., and that 'any but the best lands are now almost unsalable.' For this very reason American agents are eager to sell their lands to novices on this side. It is true that you can get land cheaply in California just now, but any amount of caution must be exercised in purchasing. Moreover, more fruit is produced in the State than there is a profitable market for, and large quantities are allowed to rot because picking does not pay. The prospects of the industry are, in fact, gloomy in California, more especially as Mexican competition is increasing, and the State by no means appears a promising field for raw young capitalists."

These remarks undoubtedly refer to that celebrated report of Consul Warburton of San Francisco, which was freely commented upon in this department about a year ago. It is not true that the value of land in California "has fallen during the last few years from 35 to 50 per cent.," nor is it true that "any but the best lands are now almost unsalable." On the contrary, there is today a good, steady demand for land of all descriptions throughout the State, at fair prices. It is true that caution must be exercised in purchasing land in California, also anywhere else. There is not more fruit produced in the State than there is a profitable market for, and neither large nor small quantities of good fruit are allowed to rot because picking does not pay, although it is true that second-class fruit is frequently a glut on the market, and is likely to be more so from year to year, as growers learn to raise only the best quality of fruit. The prospects of the fruit industry in California are not gloomy, but are brighter than they have been for

many years, the fact having been fully shown that there is a practically unlimited market for California dried fruits in Europe, as soon as they are put up in uniform grades.

THE RIVER SECTION.

The application made by the Matto-street Railroad Company for permission to change its motive power to electricity, draws attention to the fact that there has been a quiet but steady development of the section just west of the river, through which this line runs. A number of modest cottages have been built in that section during the past year, most of the owners of which are employed in the river trade. As The Times has frequently remarked, the section east of Alameda street, between Third street and the southern city limits, is undoubtedly destined to become the chief manufacturing section of Los Angeles, and will in time be thickly settled up with factories and workshops.

A NORTHERN BOULEVARD.

While Los Angeles has been talking about a boulevard, Sacramento is going to build one. By a vote of nearly seven to one, the people of that county have voted in favor of issuing \$75,000 of bonds for the purpose of building a macadam road between that city and Folsom, twenty-three miles. It will be a model road. The macadam will be twenty feet wide, with an improved earth road on either side, each of the same width. All the bridges and culverts will be of granite. The State has donated the right-of-way, as the road leads to the State Prison, and it will be decided to the State. It is intended to make this road a model for all future road-building in this State.

When shall we have such a road as this in Southern California? It will not do to let the northern part of the State get ahead of us in this line of improvement, or newcomers will be apt to think that the reputation of Southern California as the most progressive and enterprising section of the State is not well founded.

BUILDING NOTES.

The Builder and Contractor notes the following uncontracted new work:

Plans are being prepared for a two-story residence, to be built for Mrs. Meyers, on Alvarado street between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, to cost about \$25,000.

E. S. Rowley is about to erect a two-story residence on Menlo avenue near Twenty-eighth street.

The following permits of \$2000 and over were issued by the City Superintendent of Buildings:

Frederick H. Rindge, two-story brick building with store and rooms, junction of Main street and Broadway, \$3000.

A. L. Bath, three-story and basement brick building, southeast corner Fifth and Hill streets, \$14,500.

W. W. Lord, hay barn, corner Wilson and Bay streets, \$2500.

Johnson & Ketter, two-story frame residence, Westlake street north of Tenth street, \$2000.

MINES AND MINING.

STEADY DEVELOPMENT OF THE RANDSBURG DISTRICT.

Revival of Mining Activity in the Julian Region—Peninsula Mines, Non-Assessable Stocks—Tollurium—Good Returns from Cripple Creek Mines—Grab Stakes.

Whatever activity there has been in the mining business during the past week has certainly not been reflected on the stock board in Los Angeles, which has been in a most depressed condition, few shares being sold, and those at low prices. Officers of the exchange express the belief that business will pick up after the holidays.

RANDBURG.

Two events of much importance to Randburg are the opening of the new ten-stamp mill at the Johannesburg and the opening of the railroad to that place. The mill is a complete one in every respect, and is expected to do good work. The railroad will doubtless bring many investors to the camp, which has been a complete mine in every respect, and is expected to do good work. There is every indication that before many months some important developments will be made in several of the Randburg mines, where work is being steadily prosecuted. The speculative era of the camp has passed, and work is now being done in a businesslike way.

JULIAN.

There is quite a revival in mining in the Julian and Banner districts, in San Diego county, which have produced a large amount of bullion in the past. Several good strikes have been made of late, and there are more men at work there now than ever before. The celebrated Helvetic mine, near Julian, is being drained of water, in order that it may be examined by experts. The mine is now dried and cleaned out, and is being drained of water, in order that it may be examined by experts.

THE PENINSULA MINES.

A number of American mining men have been investigating the Jacalitos district, in Lower California, and some Los Angeles people are about to invest there. The camp is said to be one of the most promising in the West, having immense bodies of low grade gold ore, free milling, with plenty of wood and water. The San Diego Union states that ex-Gov. H. H. Markham and associates have acquired the Piedad mine and the old Hayes mill, at Jacalitos, and are preparing to open up work on a large scale. Mr. Kwiatkowski, Gov. Markham's general manager, is now purchasing a large pump and engine to pump the mine out. With capital to handle it, this mine is very promising.

AT ALAMO the condition of the mines is said to be flourishing. The Viznaga mine is at work night and day on good ore, turning out a good brick ore regularly. A good streak was struck in the Montezuma the other day. The San David, owned by the Alamo Syndicate, Limited, is the star producer of the camp, furnishing ore enough to keep a mill going constantly.

NON-ASSESSABLE STOCKS.

The Mining and Scientific Press has the following sensible remarks on the question of non-assessable stocks, which remarks are in line with a statement recently made in this department: Los Angeles Mining Exchange is now dealing in non-assessable stocks, somewhat after the Colorado method, and some criticism is voiced in contrast to the San Francisco method of handling stocks which are

subject to assessment. This matter has been so often discussed that it little remains to be said that has not been better said already. To those who approach the subject with settled convictions either way argument is useless. Where the company has plenty of money at the start probably the non-assessable plan is a good one, though usually corporations on that basis come to grief in case of the refusal of the part of the stockholders to agree on some plan for providing the needed development funds. True, owners of assessable stock may be frozen out, as indeed any good thing may be abused; but so far as known no successful substitute has been found for an assessment where money is needed to prosecute further work, with the alternative of either supplying the money or shutting down. So long as men are of different minds, some willing to put up money, others unwilling, so long the plan of assessing stock is usually practiced in this State with obtain.

TELLURUM.

Tellurium has occasionally been found in this section, in small quantities. Any miner or prospector who has a blow-pipe, alcohol lamp, and a few drops of sulphuric acid can, in a few minutes, determine the presence of tellurium in ores. All that is necessary is to break off a small piece of ore, place it in a small porcelain dish, previously warmed so as to avoid breaking, apply the blow-pipe until the ore is in an oxidized heat, then one or two drops of sulphuric acid on the porcelain dish, allow to mix with ore. The reaction will immediately follow, if tellurium is present, by beautiful carmine and purple colors.

CRIPPLE CREEK.

The Mining Investor of Cripple Creek publishes an estimate of the dividends distributed by Cripple Creek mining companies during the present year, the total amounting to the large sum of \$1,250,000. Besides furnishing these dividends, large sums of money have been added to the treasury reserve funds of the companies, the total approximating a round million dollars. Besides this, there has been heavy expenditure in permanent improvements, such as machinery, buildings, etc., and a vast amount of development work has been done. No accounting has been made by individual mine-owners, such as Mr. Stratton, who is credited with \$500,000 from the Independence during the present year.

There seems to be nothing the matter with Cripple Creek.

GRUB STAKERS.

The mining editor of the Examiner gives the following good advice to those who are thinking of furnishing men with a grub stake for the Klondike: "The people who cannot go to the Yukon country next spring, and are thinking of grubstaking some one and sending him up, should give the larger serious consideration and select only a man suitable for the work he has to do. Because a person is strong, healthy and energetic it does not follow that he will do well in a mining region or be fit for the work to be done there. Many persons are thinking of selecting men with more business or social experience, and with the idea that he may be able to negotiate for claims instead of locating or opening them. This may be all right, but it is not prospecting or mining. Moreover, the men up in the Yukon country are perfectly well aware of the value of their claims and are not to be easily wheedled out of them. The fact is that nine out of ten of the men thus far grubstaked into that region are unfitted for the task. The very hard work and hardships they meet discourage the majority and they accomplish little or nothing. Though the men who are different from the rest, yet it is nevertheless true that the best men to go there are those who have been accustomed to mining or prospecting. They know how to go to

work to hunt for a claim and how to work it after they make the location. They can build their own cabins, and cook, chop wood, wash, etc., for themselves without having to hire it done. These are the men best fitted for work in the Yukon country, and there are plenty of them to be found without taking men from behind counters or from offices. The latter class may do well enough when working for themselves, but are apt to spend other people's money in save themselves from unaccustomed hard labor. These clerks, etc., are no more adapted to take up a miner's work than the miner is to take up theirs without training. There is plenty of time between now and spring to pick out good men to send to Alaska, and thousands who cannot go will interest themselves in the mines up there by sending men up 'grubstaked.'"

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BUSINESS.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE TIMES.

MONEY MARKET. The commercial banks report money plentiful, but in good demand. Prime paper is quoted at from 6 to 8 per cent; time loans at from 8 to 10.

The clearing-house banks report a steady increase in deposits, due chiefly to the influx of eastern capital and to payments on account of orange shipments. Savings banks' deposits have not increased to any great extent. The reason assigned for this is the healthy condition of the real estate market, which encourages investment.

As an instance of the large business transacted by the commercial banks of this city, the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank has at the present time 4000 deposit accounts on their books, all of which are open to check, and on which no interest is paid.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS. The adoption of postal savings system by the government of this country has been discussed at intervals for many years. Public opinion seemed in favor of the project, but in the opinion of State Bank Examiner Timberlake of Maine, the good results to be derived from it are problematical, and that the savings banks and loan and building associations would be immediate sufferers from it. He says, in part: "The adoption of any such system (postal savings) must necessarily affect the prosperity of our savings banks and loan and building associations, and would, I believe, ultimately, to a very large extent, displace them and compel them to in some way wind up their affairs. I do not believe any private association can successfully compete with the national government in any kind of business."

He expresses the belief that the accumulated fund from the savings deposited would be invested in government securities, with the result that millions would be withdrawn from the North and East, and be either centralized in Washington, or invested in the securities of the large cities and counties of the West giving these places the benefit of an extremely low rate of interest. The effect upon business enterprises by withdrawing from them the immense amount of capital that has been accumulated by banks would, in his opinion, be disastrous.

CRIPPLE CREEK GOLD. The gold output of the Cripple Creek district, Colorado, for the month of November is reported at \$1,255,600, the largest for one month in the history of the camp.

"PURE" OLIVE OIL. Reports from Bordeaux, France, are that the imports of cotton-seed oil into that country from the United States have been greater during the present year than during any previous year to the same date (November). In two years the French imports of cotton-seed oil increased more than 100 per cent. It is known, this cotton-seed oil is used for adulterating olive oil, which is exported to this country and other countries as "pure olive oil."

It is also reported that the olive crop of Southern France is very light this year.

EUROPE'S SUGAR CROP. It is estimated that the best sugar yield of Europe for the present season will be close on 6000,000 tons, less than the previous season. The estimated figures for this year are 4,500,000 tons against 4,915,749 tons for last year.

EASTERN FRUIT MARKETS. The New York Journal of Commerce in its article on the holiday trade says the interest in the fruit market is still in clusters, which are wanted for Christmas, but that offerings are light. In St. Louis California raisins were in good demand, but at lower prices than last year.

THE RAMIE PROBLEM. It is well known that the ramie plant can be grown to almost any extent in Southern California, Arizona and New Mexico, but the difficulty in the way of its use has been to find a suitable method of preparing the fiber so as to get rid of the gum it contains. It is said that a London firm has solved the problem by the discovery of an infusion that extracts all the gum from the fiber. This is a most valuable discovery, one that will lead the use of ramie on a large scale, as it has been thoroughly cleaned it can be woven into fabrics almost equal to silks.

GENERAL BUSINESS TOPICS. **TRAVEL WESTWARD.** The railway companies and railway agencies are, through their representatives, a unit in saying that the travel westward this year has been up to the present time one of the largest since the roads were opened. The exodus from the East to Southern California began this season earlier than usual, one agency reporting that since September 15 their business has been steadily good. It is also stated that the number of excursion parties from cities to Southern California will probably be in excess of previous years, but those are not booked to arrive until about the first of the year.

In further confirmation of this dispatch from Chicago in this morning's Times announces that one of the overland railway lines, the Great Northern, for the year, run its limited express between Chicago and Los Angeles three times a week instead of twice a week as heretofore. The change is from published reports it would seem that Riverside had not a monopoly of the car famine. The St. Paul Pioneer Press referring to a shortage of cars in its section, says: "Railroad men everywhere are holding the McKinley administration responsible for the calamitous car famine now prevailing all over the country." The St. Paul paper states the case to a nicety, and the railroad men are, perhaps, to be pardoned that they did not more accurately gauge the extent of the service they would be called upon to perform.

LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET. **EGGS, BUTTER AND CHEESE.** Eggs are still on the decline. Eastern are not as weak as ranch eggs, but share in the general slump. Butter is easier, but high prices are maintained. Cheese is firm and steady.

POTATOES, ONIONS, VEGETABLES. Firm at last quotations. **POTATOES**—Per cwt., common, 65¢; Ventura Burbanks, 66¢; Salinas Burbanks, 67¢. **ONIONS**—Per cwt., common, 55¢; Ventura Burbanks, 56¢; Salinas Burbanks, 57¢. **VEGETABLES**—Beets, per 100 lbs., 75¢; cab-

bage, 75¢; carrots, 75¢; parsnips, 1.00; turnips, 85¢; Hubbard squash, 85¢; Hubbard, 85¢; tomatoes, 75¢; cauliflower, per doz., 1.00; celery, 75¢; radishes, 20¢; lettuce, 20¢; dry chiles, 65¢; green peppers, 1.00; eggplants, 1.00; string beans, 85¢.

FRESH FRUITS AND BERRIES. Generally firm. No change in quotations. **APPLES**—Per box, fancy, 1.00; common, 95¢; 1.25; 1.50; 1.75; 2.00; 2.25; 2.50; 2.75; 3.00; 3.25; 3.50; 3.75; 4.00; 4.25; 4.50; 4.75; 5.00; 5.25; 5.50; 5.75; 6.00; 6.25; 6.50; 6.75; 7.00; 7.25; 7.50; 7.75; 8.00; 8.25; 8.50; 8.75; 9.00; 9.25; 9.50; 9.75; 10.00; 10.25; 10.50; 10.75; 11.00; 11.25; 11.50; 11.75; 12.00; 12.25; 12.50; 12.75; 13.00; 13.25; 13.50; 13.75; 14.00; 14.25; 14.50; 14.75; 15.00; 15.25; 15.50; 15.75; 16.00; 16.25; 16.50; 16.75; 17.00; 17.25; 17.50; 17.75; 18.00; 18.25; 18.50; 18.75; 19.00; 19.25; 19.50; 19.75; 20.00; 20.25; 20.50; 20.75; 21.00; 21.25; 21.50; 21.75; 22.00; 22.25; 22.50; 22.75; 23.00; 23.25; 23.50; 23.75; 24.00; 24.25; 24.50; 24.75; 25.00; 25.25; 25.50; 25.75; 26.00; 26.25; 26.50; 26.75; 27.00; 27.25; 27.50; 27.75; 28.00; 28.25; 28.50; 28.75; 29.00; 29.25; 29.50; 29.75; 30.00; 30.25; 30.50; 30.75; 31.00; 31.25; 31.50; 31.75; 32.00; 32.25; 32.50; 32.75; 33.00; 33.25; 33.50; 33.75; 34.00; 34.25; 34.50; 34.75; 35.00; 35.25; 35.50; 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City Briefs.

If you are contemplating going to Kodiak in the spring, get a copy of the "Guide to Kodiak," a complete and authentic history of the island of Alaska, with splendid map. It will be a paying investment. For sale at The Times counting-room, or by mail, 25 cents.

Christmas gifts. Money, food, toys, etc., solicited by the Pacific Gospel Union, "Leavey" Mission, 227 East Second street, or give to Superintendent C. S. Mason, Mrs. C. C. Foreman or Miss White.

Shiners' attention. The election of officers in Al Malakiah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., will be held this (Friday) evening, Dec. 17, 1897, at 7:30, Chas. Campbell, Potentate; D. E. Barclay, Recorder.

Siddi Mahomet Taheer of India will speak on "Ancient and Modern Spiritualism" this evening at 8:30, Broadway, at 8 o'clock, at 302 1/2.

Spec. 31-Finest cabinet photos reduced to \$1 and \$1.50 per dozen. Sunbeam, No. 25 South Main street.

Photos of little Paloma, a brumm, pianist, 50 cents. Sanborn, Vail & Co. Suspenders mounted to order. So. Cal. Suspenders Co., 318 N. L. A. St.

C. H. Wedgewood, architect, 317 South Main street.

Enoch Knight, attorney, 418 Wilcox block.

C. E. Mayne, No. 410 Bradbury block.

A dispatch was received in the city last night stating that if the city had been appointed postmaster at San Pedro.

Wagon No. 7 of the Street Superintendent's working force was wrecked by a runaway yesterday at Court and Flower streets.

Police Officer Dyke sprained his ankle badly yesterday while stopping a runaway Chinese vegetable wagon on Adams street.

A nugget weighing 24 1/2 ounces and valued at \$225 was found recently near Glen, Kern county, and is exhibited in Montgomery Block, a window on North Spring street.

There are undelivered telegrams at the Western Union office for the following: Chas. A. Stetson, J. T. Alexander, Mrs. Ella L. Potts, Eleanor Hart, Mrs. Whelock, L. B. Cory, Geo. H. Whitcomb, Frank P. Buck.

The Pacific Gospel Union is making special arrangements to make the children happy at Christmas-time. Donations of money, toys, books or food supplies solicited, and may be left at the Mission, 227 East Second street, or handed to C. S. Mason, Mrs. C. C. Foreman, Miss Belle L. White or W. D. Hall at the Y. M. C. A.

WELL-DRILLED CADETS.

Excellent Work Done at the Military Academy.

In the streets of Los Angeles now and again is seen a smart, well set young fellow in a neat gray uniform, very much like that worn by the West Point cadets. It is also not unlike the Whittier uniforms, but the boys that wear it are particularly unlike the Whittier boys.

They are the cadets of the Los Angeles Military Academy, the only military boarding school in Southern California. This school is managed by W. H. Wheat, the son of an army officer, and a young man who has himself undergone the salutary discipline of a military education. The cadets are the sons of a number of wealthy and prominent citizens of Los Angeles, and also include boys from eastern cities who have been sent to grow up into sturdy manhood in the sunshine of Southern California.

The school itself is perched on a hill about a mile beyond Westlake Park, in one of the loveliest spots between the city and the Calumet Valley. The main building stands in the center of a 15-acre campus, which gives ample room for the ball-grounds, tennis-court, parade grounds, bicycle and running track, and the boys that turn themselves loose during the hours of recreation. The ocean breeze sweeps straight up the valley, tempering the warmth of the sunshine and giving a crisp tang to the air.

About one hundred yards from the school is the "home," a pleasant, home-like place, where the younger boys are kept under the motherly care of Mrs. Wheat, mother of the manager. The older boys live in the main building, with the exception of some of the very scholars, who live at home. The mode of life is almost exactly the same as at West Point, from 6 a. m. to 10 p. m. The drill, inspection, etc., are under the charge of the military instructor, Capt. H. Lincoln Batchelder, and a corps of military teachers attend to the several classes in the schoolrooms.

At the beginning of each term the boys are divided into two companies, the "Reds" and the "Blues." An energetic, friendly rivalry exists between these companies, and each side is anxious to outdo the other, both on the field and in the classroom, and so win the prizes at the end of the term which give the school its "Honor Men."

The boys care for their own rooms in true military fashion, and so well do they do it that not a streak of dirt can be found anywhere. On the lower floor is the playground, where the boys are allowed to racket all they please, so long as they do not indulge in rough or disorderly conduct. Each boy has a locker, which is sacred to his own possession, and here he keeps a choice assortment of hats, balls, Indian clubs, and other paraphernalia so necessary to the happiness of any well-regulated boy. A gymnasium and a plunge are among the future glories to be acquired by the academy, and great hopes are built on the promise of a wealthy and liberal citizen to endow the school with these luxuries.

It is an ideal place for the training of boys into that best product of modern civilization, the American gentleman, and the boys themselves are the best example of the good effect of the healthy, outdoor life and strict military discipline.

RUSSIA RELENTS.

Will Allow Adolph Kutner to Visit His Relations.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Senator Perkins has been notified by the Department of State that the Russian government, through its Minister here, will allow Adolph Kutner, a wealthy citizen of California, to visit his relations in Russian Poland.

Last May Kutner applied to the State Department for the necessary papers to enable him to visit his relatives in Russian Poland. The Charge d'Affaires in the Russian Legation refused to give his passports, on the ground that he was a Jew. After considerable correspondence between the State Department and the Russian government, on the subject, the Russian authorities have finally concluded to make an exception in favor of Kutner without modifying the law excluding Jews from the country. While this concession may be acceptable to Kutner, Senator Perkins will urge some legislation to meet cases of a similar nature.

WATCHES cleaned, set, repaired, etc. Crystal, Mc. Patton, No. 214 South Broadway.

FINE Zinfandel, 50c gal. Tel. 204, T. Vache & Co., Commercial and Alameda streets.

LONG SIEGE ENDED.

VANDEVENTER'S CASTLE STORMED AND TAKEN.

Jury Finds the Proprietor Guilty of Keeping a House of Assignment and Prostitution—Victory for the Police.

The castle of C. Vandeventer, which was declared to be a house of assignment and prostitution by the District Attorney's office, has been stormed and taken by the police after a long siege. A jury of twelve good men and true, has declared the said castle to be a house of assignment and prostitution for the purpose of less than a house used for the purpose of assignment and prostitution, hence the police came in for no end of abuse and vituperation for alleged persecution of the landlord of the Hotel Belleville and his guests.

Deputy District Attorney Chambers led the counsel for defense to the highly respectable character of the house and the house was conducted. The police came in for no end of abuse and vituperation for alleged persecution of the landlord of the Hotel Belleville and his guests.

Attorneys Alexander and Holcomb almost talked the jury into a trance yesterday in their vain endeavor to show the highly respectable character of the house and the house was conducted. The police came in for no end of abuse and vituperation for alleged persecution of the landlord of the Hotel Belleville and his guests.

Arguments in the case took up the greater part of the day in Justice Morrison's court. The jury retired about 4:30 p. m. and at 8 o'clock reported a verdict of guilty as charged.

This is a signal victory for the police in their crusade against the hotel women who have been holding high carnival in the lodging-houses in the vicinity of Third and Main streets. While it may not serve to keep the women off the streets, it is a measure which the dictionary decision made by Justice Owens in the street-walkers' favor.

THE FROZEN NORTH.

Lieut. Peary Coming to Los Angeles to Lecture.

In February or March of next year two of the best-known lecturers now on the coast will be the famous Arctic explorer, and F. Marion Crawford, the well-known writer, will lecture in Los Angeles for the benefit of the Lark-Bell Home for Newborns.

The Arctic expeditions are coming west on an extended trip, and will stop in Los Angeles long enough to talk about their varied experiences. Lieut. Peary will tell of his experiences while trying to reach the North Pole, and how he has been miles across the ice. Peary is today acknowledged as the most successful Arctic explorer in the world, and as such, men state here to tell a story to tell, but knows how to tell it. Just what F. Marion Crawford will talk about has not been decided, but it will be something interesting. The lectures will unquestionably be the best of the lecture season on the coast during the coming season. In addition to the fame of the lectures, the fact that they come here to add a worthy institution will tend to increase the interest in their lectures.

DEATH RECORD.

RHEINSCHEIDT. In this city, December 12, 1897, Helena Rheinscheidt, a native of Dresden, Saxony, aged 29 years 6 months. Funeral Friday, December 17, at 2 p. m., from the First German B. E. Church, West corner of Broadway and Hill. Friends invited.

TROTT. At her residence, No. 420 North Juniper Hill, December 15, 1897, Mrs. Ann Trothy, mother of Frank Trothy, a native of Ireland, aged 63 years. Funeral today, Friday, December 17, at 8:30 a. m., from the residence, thence to the Church of Our Lady of the Angels, where a requiem high mass will be celebrated, commencing at 9 a. m. Friends invited.

HUBBARD. At the residence of his son, No. 124 West Ninth street, December 16, 1897, Isaac Hubbard, a native of Woodstock, Ct., aged 79 years. Funeral from above residence Friday, December 17, at 2 p. m. Friends and acquaintances invited. Interment Addison, N. Y.

HOUSES VERSUS HARE.

At a meeting held by the Southern California Housing Association at its rooms, No. 247 South Broadway, on Wednesday evening, December 15, it was decided to hold an apartment meeting on the new grounds of the Southern California Housing Association, situated on the Sixth-street branch of the Santa Monica Electric Railway, on Christmas day and Sunday following, when the public will find elegant private apartments, and in his treatment the most advanced of the old and modern schools, since that twenty years of continuous practice in his specialty is the best guaranty that can be offered the public. No. 422 South Spring street. Telephone main 1156.

CHURCH committees, see ticks on your Christmas candles. Don't delay. 206 S. Bway.

Are you sure that your cook uses only **Royal Baking Powder** and never experiments with the dangerous alum powders?

Man Who Used His Whip.

The man who slashed K. R. Bradley and C. G. Berg across the face with a buggy whip, Wednesday afternoon, while driving on Buena Vista street, has been found. He gave himself up at the Police Station yesterday afternoon, on learning that a John Doe warrant for his arrest on the charge of battery had been issued. The culprit proved to be Dr. L. C. Harmon of No. 2115 Estrella avenue. He gave \$25 cash bail for his appearance in the Police Court to plead, December 23, at 1:30 p. m. Berg and Bradley still bear the marks of the whip. They allege that their horse proved the faster in the road race, and that Harmon slashed them with his whip simply out of pique because they had passed him on the road. He was a stranger to them, but they traced him to his home and learned his identity.

A Hole in His Pocket.

The grand larceny complaint against Emma Hoffman, was dismissed yesterday because H. Meagher, the complaining witness, found the \$100 and accused her of taking it from him. Meagher had persuaded the woman to share his room at the Hotel Pyramus. After she departed he found not only the money, but a policeman that the woman had robbed him. After she spent a night in jail Meagher came around shamefacedly and confessed that the money had merely slipped through a hole in the lining of his vest pocket, and that he had accused her wrongfully. The prisoner was accordingly released, and it took about all of Meagher's money to square himself with the outraged female.

Free Dolls TODAY.

We have One Hundred Dressed Dolls with Bique Head, Movable Arms and Legs, which will be GIVEN AWAY TODAY—one Doll with each purchase of a dollar or more—commencing at 10 o'clock this morning. These dolls are nicely dressed, and were imported direct from Germany for this purpose. Be sure and get a Doll.

Wines and Brandies.

The safe way to procure anything in this line is to purchase direct from the grower and manufacturer. I am the proprietor of the San Pedro Winery, have my own vineyard and make my own wines, brandies, etc. I sell you a 3 or 5 year old wine for the same price as you can buy a 10 year old wine elsewhere. Call for my old brandy and make a drink.

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Man Who Used His Whip.

The man who slashed K. R. Bradley and C. G. Berg across the face with a buggy whip, Wednesday afternoon, while driving on Buena Vista street, has been found. He gave himself up at the Police Station yesterday afternoon, on learning that a John Doe warrant for his arrest on the charge of battery had been issued. The culprit proved to be Dr. L. C. Harmon of No. 2115 Estrella avenue. He gave \$25 cash bail for his appearance in the Police Court to plead, December 23, at 1:30 p. m. Berg and Bradley still bear the marks of the whip. They allege that their horse proved the faster in the road race, and that Harmon slashed them with his whip simply out of pique because they had passed him on the road. He was a stranger to them, but they traced him to his home and learned his identity.

A Hole in His Pocket.

The grand larceny complaint against Emma Hoffman, was dismissed yesterday because H. Meagher, the complaining witness, found the \$100 and accused her of taking it from him. Meagher had persuaded the woman to share his room at the Hotel Pyramus. After she departed he found not only the money, but a policeman that the woman had robbed him. After she spent a night in jail Meagher came around shamefacedly and confessed that the money had merely slipped through a hole in the lining of his vest pocket, and that he had accused her wrongfully. The prisoner was accordingly released, and it took about all of Meagher's money to square himself with the outraged female.

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FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

Wherever handkerchiefs are made best there we go to buy—west to Japan, east to Switzerland. We pride ourselves upon this magnificent gathering. Every kind that's new, every style that's pretty, priced as only the greatest purchasing power of Southern California can price them.

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Ladies' 5c Handkerchiefs at 3 1/2c
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Men's 12c Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs at 8c
Ladies' 12c Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs at 8c
Ladies' 12c Embroidered Handkerchiefs at 10c
Ladies' 20c Colored Border Silk Handkerchiefs at 10c

At 15c for 25c Qualities.

Ladies' Fine Embroidered Handkerchiefs.
Ladies' White Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, neatly embroidered.
Ladies' Hand-spun Linen, with narrow hem and initial.
Ladies' Real Irish Linen, with narrow hem.

At 12 1/2c for 20c Qualities.

Men's Japanette Handkerchiefs, exactly like silk, colored border.
Ladies' Scaloped and Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 150 designs.
Ladies' Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs.

Leather Goods.

Just to the right of the main entrance are all kinds of Leather Goods. Too many kinds and grades for full description, we just hint at the prices. Superb values, every one.

Purses.

Ladies' Combination Purse and Card Case at 25c
Ladies' Alligator Purse with good clasp at 50c
Ladies' Real Seal Belts, in new effects at 75c
Ladies' Alligator Skin Purse and Card Case at \$1.00
Children's Purses in different styles at 5c

Belts.

Ladies' Leather Belts, all colors at 25c
Ladies' Leather Belts with covered buckles, at 35c
Ladies' Monkey Skin Belts at 10c
Ladies' Real Seal Belts, at 1.00
Ladies' Fancy Gilt and Steel Knob Belts at 1.00

Chateaines.

Ladies' Leather Chateaines and Belt Hooks at 50c
Ladies' Black Leather Chateaines with outside pocket at 60c
Ladies' Black Leather Shopping Bags at 75c
Ladies' Black Leather Shopping Bags with patent clasp top at 1.00

Smoking Jackets.

Oh, the comfort of a Smoking Jacket, an after-lunch necessity with most men.

We have a most elegant line of all the newest and most popular smoking materials from the best makers this country knows. Here are two specials for today and a bathrobe.

Gray Mixed Cheviot Smoking Jacket, pockets, cuffs and collar, trimmed with ash and walnut finish, today at \$3.15
New Scotch Cheviot Plaid Smoking Jacket, silk cord edge, newest colors, finest make, at \$7.50
Eiderdown Bath Robes, fancy stripes, worth \$8.00, special at \$3.95

The Clothing Sale

Is gaining in popularity every day; purchasers are sending us their friends. Every Suit and Overcoat is of this winter's best styles, and the

Prices Are Almost Half.

Lot 1—Hays, Goldberg & Co.'s \$5.00 Overcoats at \$2.50
Lot 2—Hays, Goldberg & Co.'s \$10.00 Overcoats at \$5.00
Lot 3—Hays, Goldberg & Co.'s \$15.00 Overcoats at \$7.50
Lot 4—Hays, Goldberg & Co.'s \$20.00 Men's Suits at \$10.00
Lot 5—Hays, Goldberg & Co.'s \$25.00 Men's Suits at \$12.50
Lot 6—Hays, Goldberg & Co.'s \$30.00 Men's Suits at \$15.00

Useful Gifts.

Bissell's Grand Rapid Carpet Sweeper, Cyco bearings, ash and walnut finish, today at \$2.35
Fancy Wall Pockets for papers, in assorted shapes and decorations; today at 50c
Child's Silver-plated Mugs in satin-lined box; today at 25c
Child's Silver-plated Knife, Fork, Spoon, Napkin Ring and Mug; today at 50c
Rogers's Triple-plated Sugar Shell and Butter Knife in fancy satin-lined box; just the thing to send by mail; per set—today at 75c

Special Capes.

Today there are four capes on sale which, when intrinsic values are considered, are far in advance of any special we have offered this year. Styles are the latest.

Tan English Melton Cloth Capes, double box plaited back, three rows strap seam, brown, tan, green, oxblood, regular \$5 garments; today at \$3.50
Tan Kersey Cloth Capes, full circular cut, fancy scalloped strap seams, velvet square collar, a cape manufactured to sell at \$7.50; our price today is \$5.75
Tan Kersey Cloth Cape, full circular cut, seven rows of self cord trimming around the cape, fancy scalloped strap seams, high roll double stitched collar, genuine \$8.00 capes; in today's sale at \$7.50

Kid Gloves.

A Handsome Christmas Gift Box free with every pair of these gloves. They're the best gloves for the price in Los Angeles. We've saved two profits by importing them direct from the maker.

Usual \$1.50 grade of 2-clasp Kid Gloves in black, brown, tan, green, oxblood, Navy Cream and white with the very neatest of embroideries, at \$1.00
Usual \$1.50 grade of four-hook real Kid Gloves with 3-row embroidery, black, brown and tan, at \$1.10
Usual \$1.50 grade of 2-clasp real Mocha Gloves with two-toned embroidery, black, brown, tan, gray, oxblood and green; at \$1.15
Usual \$1.50 grade of 2-clasp real Kid Glove, in tan, brown, gray, oxblood, pearl, cream and white; at \$1.25
Usual \$2 grade of 2-clasp real French Kid Gloves, in black and white and all the popular shades, beautiful backs; at \$1.50

Umbrellas.

Ladies' 29-inch Umbrellas, also the proper size for school boys, for Xmas, heavy twisted gloria, paragon frame, Dresden and natural wood handles, at \$1.00
Ladies' 29-inch Gloria Silk Umbrellas, paragon frame, steel rods, a fine assortment of handles, such as pearl, Dresden, natural wood with sterling tips, etc., \$2.00 quality, at \$2.00

The Great Specialist,

Go to Godin's For Slippers...

Whether you want Slippers to give father, mother, sister, brother, or some one else's brother, you will find just what you want at Godin's. Warm Felt Slippers, Leather Slippers in all shades and combinations, Quilted Satin Slippers, Nullifiers, Slippers in all colors for the Kirmess dances. Drop into the store if you are out Christmas slipper hunting. It will be an education in slipper buying to look over the show at Godin's.

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